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Volunteers from the American Red Cross CNMI Chapter are assisting 15 families that were affected by the onslaught of Typhoon Vongfong on Monday.

Meantime, the Public School System announced yesterday that Marianas High School will not open classes today, Oct. 8, due to a down power line on campus.

"PSS is trying to co-ordinate with [the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.] to fix the power line before we reopen classes at MHS. PSS is concerned

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Bid to dismiss Hunter's OGA lawsuit denied

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman dismissed the Lottery Commission yesterday as a party in the Open Government Act lawsuit filed by private citizen Glen Hunter over the passage of the casino law.

In the same ruling, Wiseman denied a motion to dismiss the CNMI government and Gov. Eloy S. Inos from Hunter's lawsuit.

Wiseman ruled that retaining the Lottery Commission as a party in the case would serve no purpose, as it has not violated the OGA provisions itself.

While dismissing the Lottery Commission as an

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Firefighters try to suppress the blaze that broke out at a building formerly occupied by CK Pool Hall Bar & Grill in Chalan Kanoa yesterday afternoon. Investigators are still looking into the cause of the mysterious fire.

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Fire engulfs former CK Pool Hall

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A fire broke out yesterday afternoon at a single-story structure used to be occupied by CK Pool Hall Bar & Grill, located in front of the U.S. Postal Office in Chalan Kanoa.

Police officers interrogated a man who appeared drunk at the scene. After a few minutes, officers handcuffed him and brought him inside a police vehicle.

» **Cops arrest man at the scene in connection with the blaze**

Sources said the man is a certain Jerry, who is regularly seen in Chalan Kanoa. Witnesses apparently saw him come out of the former CK Pool Hall shortly before smoke began pouring out of the building.

Department of Public Safety Fire Division spokesperson Jocelyn Alvarez confirmed that a man was arrested in connection with the fire. She said investigators have not re-

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Police officers arrest a man in connection with the fire that engulfed a building formerly occupied by CK Pool Hall Bar & Grill near the U.S. Postal Office in Chalan Kanoa yesterday afternoon.

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King: Rota residents are 'literally held captive'

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The people of Rota are frustrated and plainly sick and tired of receiving dirty seconds, according to concerned Rota resident Denise Tanya King. King, who resides in Sinapalo village, was referring to the ATM machine of the Bank of Guam on the southern island.

King, through social media, wrote numerous Facebook posts regarding the sole ATM not

working on Rota and the need for a new replacement, along with the re-installation of a new machine at the Rota Airport.

Recently, Bank of Guam sent a representative to Rota to fix the only ATM on island in response to King's plea on social media.

In a Facebook post yesterday, King said: "After traveling 18 miles and spending \$12 on gas, the ATM is not operational again. ...What does it take for the powers-that-be to compre-

hend that the people of Rota deserve the same quality of service as our counterparts on Guam and Saipan?"

In an email to Saipan Tribune, she said the people of Rota are "frustrated and plainly sick and tired of receiving dirty seconds." King said she hopes the problem will be addressed immediately.

"I hope you [Bank of Guam] come by boat because Cape Air is not operational as well," she said.

Cape Air issue

In a following Facebook post, King also expressed frustration with Cape Air services. She thanked the airline for providing service to the CNMI, but said the constant delays and cancellations have put the people of the CNMI in a very precarious position.

"There are people who need medical care [in] Guam or must catch a connecting flight," she said.

For the past four days Rota residents have received updates that Cape Air flights have been cancelled due to "mechanical difficulties."

Saipan Tribune learned that Cape Air resumed flights to and from Rota yesterday.

In her post, King urged Cape Air officials to utilize their larger plane to assist the people of Rota who desperately need to go to Guam in order to have a more consistent flight service.

"We are literally held captive here," she said.

King added that she cannot be complacent. "Enough is enough. No boat, outrageous prices, people being yoyoed back and forth with the airlines, no ATM. We are going backwards. This is the worst I have seen of the state of affairs on Rota."

Storm cleanup begins on Rota

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Both Guam and the island of Rota escaped major damage from Typhoon Vongfong.

Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola said about 70 percent of the island's residents lost power in the storm. But the Pacific Daily News reports about 75 percent of the homes had power restored by Monday afternoon.

There were no reported injuries, which Mendiola called a blessing. There was some minor structural damage, including tin roof sheets blown off garages.

Crews were dispatched to remove trees that fell on some island roads.

The storm began moving through Guam and the other islands stretched across a swath of the western Pacific before dawn Monday and left the region several hours later.

Rota, which is about 10.5 miles long and 3 miles wide, has about 2,500 residents, according to the last census.

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The Japan Saipan Travel Association is urging the government to extend the public land lease of Kan Pacific Inc. in Marpi and warned that the closure of its resort, the Mariana Resort & Spa, will lead to a mass exodus of what little Japanese-owned businesses are left on Saipan.

In a Sept. 24 letter to Department of Public Lands Secretary Pedro A. Tenorio, JSTA president Masaru Sunaga appealed that Kan Pacific be allowed to continue to operate its landmark hotel and golf course.

"I write to express our grave concern about recent reports that Kan Pacific Inc. (dba Mari-

anas Resort & Spa) may not be allowed to continue its public land lease in the Northern Mariana Islands. We write to sincerely endorse the continued operations of Kan Pacific Inc. as a vital part of our business activities and the CNMI economy."

Sunaga said a number of JSTA member-companies have a business relationship with Mariana Resort, and its closure—coupled by the continued decline in Japanese arrivals due to it shutting down—may lead to these establishments also closing their operations.

"The closure of Kan Pacific Inc. and reduction of Japan arrivals will assuredly result in downsizing and some closure of related businesses within our members, further reducing

government revenues and local employment."

Sunaga reiterated the historic importance of the Japan market to CNMI tourism, but conceded that tourist arrivals from the country are not what they used to be.

"Recent declines in arrivals from Japan can be attributed to two main factors: economic (including severe devaluation of the yen) and competition among markets for an insufficient number of hotel rooms in the CNMI."

He, however, assured Tenorio that, as Japan's economy recovers, JSTA anticipates more demand from Japanese tourists who want to travel to the Commonwealth.

Sunaga said the CNMI would be best served not to put all its eggs in one basket but also make room for Japanese tourists.

"However, if most hotel rooms are catering to another market, arrivals from Japan will remain low. Given current demand for the CNMI, it's clear that more hotel rooms are needed, not fewer."

The JSTA president said market diversification is the key to guarantee that the CNMI tourism industry will not become overly dependent on one market, should that market suddenly collapse.

"This is a real possibility for the China and Russia markets, which are dependent on the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver program, which can change anytime. In this regard, it would be prudent to continue to nurture and maintain the markets of Japan and Korea," Sunaga told Tenorio.

JSTA is composed of 42 Japa-

nese tour operators, travel agencies, OP tours, diving companies, restaurants, and hotels.

Mariana Resort is pursuing at least a \$30-million added investment for a 25-year renewal of its public land lease that's expiring in April 2018.

Part of that additional investment is the addition of 100 executive rooms. Currently, Mariana Resort has 74 hotel rooms and 50 individual cottages.

Its talks with DPL on the 25-year extension apparently hit a snag as reports surfaced that Hong Kong-based Best Sunshine International Ltd. is interested in the public land currently being leased by Marianas Resort. Best Sunshine is planning to build a \$7.1-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan.

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CHC to have a CFO by end of this month—Muña

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. now has its own legal counsel and is looking forward to having a financial chief by the end of this month, according to CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña yesterday.

She said they are looking at three candidates for the chief financial officer position and are now doing background checks on them.

Muña said they are also looking at hiring a controller to assist the financial chief.

"Back then, when I was CFO for the hospital, we had a con-

troller who helped and we did well together, that's why we are looking to have a controller if we were going to hire a new CFO," she said.

She said their new legal counsel, Nancy Gottfried, has been onboard since Oct. 1.

» Nancy Gottfried new legal counsel for CHC

According to Muña, Gottfried was also the hospital's lawyer when the corporation was still called the Department of Public Health, during the time of former DPH secretaries James U. Hofschneider and

Kevin Villagomez.

"It is really nice to have her back, with her understanding of legal healthcare matters and laws. She has worked with us in the past and we are fortunate to have her back," she said.



Muña

Muña said that one of the reasons why they felt the need to hire a legal counsel is the fact that the attorney general is going to become an elective position starting January 2015.

Muña said they advertised the position for legal counsel for CHCC and they had a memorandum of understanding with the Office of the Attorney General, which recruited Gottfried.

The purpose of the MOU was to have the AG's office execute what is required in Public Law 16-51. That law states that if the CHC CEO needs legal services, upon approval of the AG, the CEO may engage an in-house counsel.

Gottfried will be situated at the hospital.

"She has experience and her working with us is great. There are employees that are still around since she was here and that is good, because she has that relationship with the staff and management. It helps and she understands the difficult tasks of our managers," Muña said.

Meanwhile, she said the group that Gov. Eloy S. Inos created to help resolve the hospital's financial situation is a big help.

Inos told *Saipan Tribune* Friday that he had created a team from the Executive Branch to help with the hospital's financial situation.

"Any help that we can get is great. With our problems now, we need every help we can get," Muña said.

Docomo: Power outages affected services

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Docomo Pacific said yesterday that power outages brought by Typhoon Vongfong was the culprit for the disruption of its cable, Internet, and mobile telephone services the past couple of days.

The telecommunications company's general manager, James Nelson, said Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s power outages and drop lines between the power pole and the subscriber's home caused the service interruptions experienced by Docomo Pacific customers during and after the typhoon hit the island.

"After the typhoon passed, our cable TV and broadband Internet services were inoperable because of power outages. CUC power outages affected business and residential cable TV broadcasts and broadband Internet services," he said.

Nelson said after Gov. Eloy S. Inos issued the "all clear" announcement, Docomo Pacific crew immediately went out to fix their downed equipment.

"After the typhoon, our crews began repairing drop lines that were reported and those that they noticed as they were out repairing lines. There were no downed cable main lines or power pole to power pole lines."

Nelson said the power outages did not affect Docomo

Pacific's cellular service as the telecommunications company has standby generators at its cellular sites.

Another issue Docomo Pacific had to contend with after Typhoon Vongfong was that IT&E's down generator affected its broadband Internet services as well as its wireless 3G

data network.

"This was due to IT&E's generator going down and it affected the undersea fiber cable transmission of not only Docomo Pacific but IT&E, iConnect, as well as any other customers they had who relies on undersea fiber for data services. The problem lasted for more than

three hours."

Docomo Pacific leases undersea fiber cable bandwidth from its competitor, IT&E.

"Other than that, all is well and we're all very fortunate that the typhoon was moving rapidly and did not have time to develop and intensify before it made it to the Mariana Islands," said Nelson.

A wholly owned subsidiary of NTT DOCOMO, Docomo Pacific was originally a merger of Guamcell Communications and HafaTel prior to acquisition in December 2006 by the Japan telecommunications giant.

Docomo Pacific officially merged with MCV Broadband in May 2013 to become Guam and the CNMI's leading provider of telecommunications and entertainment services.



DOWN BUT NOT OUT

This traffic light at the Beach Road Microl intersection was still functioning even after it fell to the ground in the wake of strong winds brought by Typhoon Vongfong on Monday. Vongfong passed the southern part of the NMI early Monday morning and moved farther away from the Marianas.

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Govendo urges lawmakers to fund Family Court

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Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo urged lawmakers last Thursday to give the Judiciary more funds so it could hire additional staff for the Family Court.

Govendo, who was one of the keynote speakers at the proclamation signing that declared October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, said the Family Court only has two staff.

He said they put in an application for one more employee but the budget the Legislature gave the Judiciary wasn't enough to fund the added position.

Govendo also urged lawmakers to attend the hearings in Family Court so they could experience what is really happening there.

"We handle about more than 250 cases a year. They start off usually with the victims

going to the domestic intervention council or at Karidat Social Services and they fill out the petition for temporary restraining order and come to me everyday," he said.

Govendo pointed out that the 250 cases, multiplied by the six to eight appearances in court for each case, illustrate the burden that the Family Court handles.

The judge also told community members that things have changed in the CNMI when it comes to domestic violence.

"Domestic violence is not normal. Twenty years ago, 30 years ago, when a man would get drunk and beat up his wife, the excuse was, 'Well, that's the way men are when they drink. It is to be expected and he'd beat you up once in awhile.' It is not normal and more and more women are understanding that," Govendo said.

This leads to majority of domestic violence victims going to Family Court, he said.

"I urge lawmakers to come and see how the families are breaking apart. You are welcome to sit in court. It will be an eye opener to see what is really going on in your districts," Govendo said.

Activities, outreach

The Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence has set activities and outreach for the month of October. Today, Oct. 8 there will be a Walk Against Domestic Violence from 5pm to 6pm in Kagman III at the Kagman Community Center. Other walks will be on Oct. 15 at the Dandan's Children's Park, and on Oct. 29 in Tanapag at the Division of Youth Services Youth Center. They will also conduct outreach every Thursday at the Street Market this month.

Other major activities include celebrity bagging this

Saturday, from 9am to 11am, at the Blue Sky Market in Chalan Piao, Joeten Shopping Center in Susupe, Welcome Market in San Roque, and Kagman Market.

Am. Samoa soldiers to become naturalized US citizens

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (The Samoa News/PIR)—Dozens of Toa o Samoa will take the Oath of Allegiance to become U.S. citizens during a ceremony set for Oct. 27 at the Veteran Memorial Monument Hall in Tafuna. U.S. Citizenship and Immigrations Services and the U.S. Army Reserve Theater Support-Group Pacific will coordinate the event.

The two federal agencies say in a statement that the soon-to-be citizens are all American Samoan nationals and members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Two officers with the USCIS will

On Oct. 18 there will be a Day of Unity at the Gapan Fishing Base. There will be entertainment and performances from 1pm to 4pm, the annual Men's Walk Against

Domestic Violence from 4pm to 5pm, and a Candlelight Vigil from 5pm to 6pm. The final activity will be on Oct. 31 at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library for Trunk or Treat.

travel to Pago Pago to conduct the soldiers' naturalization interviews, while USCIS District 26 director David G. Gulick will be on island to administer the Oath of Allegiance to the soldiers, swearing them in as U.S. citizens.

This will be the second naturalization ceremony held in American Samoa for locally based soldiers, with the first held on Sept. 2, 2010 where 42 Toa o Samoa were sworn in as U.S. citizens.

Holding a local naturalization ceremony for our Toa o Samoa was an effort initiated in October 2009, when Maj. John Adams, former Army Reserve Center installation commander, discovered that some of his soldiers, previously deployed to Iraq, couldn't complete the naturalization

process while in theater—or in the war zone.

Under special provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act, qualified members of the U.S. Armed Forces are exempt from certain naturalization requirements to include residency and physical presence in the United States, according to background information provided by USCIS.

Service members who have served honorably on active duty or as a member of the Army Reserve on or after Sept. 11, 2001 are eligible to file for immediate citizenship under the special wartime provisions in Section 329 of the INA. Additionally, members of the U.S. Armed Forces are not charged a fee to file for naturalization or to receive their certificate of citizenship.

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improper party due to its lack of involvement or control over the Legislature, Wiseman said he cannot in good conscience dismiss Inos under these circumstances, as the governor involved himself in the process by signing the bills into law.

In the same decision, Wiseman denied the CNMI government's motion to dismiss Hunter's claims. The judge also denied the CNMI Legislative Bureau's motion to dismiss the claims against House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero and Reps. Rafael S. Demapan and Felicidad T. Ogomoro.

Wiseman also denied Senate President Ralph Torres' motion to dismiss the claims against him.

Wiseman ordered the parties in the lawsuit to be present at a case management conference on Nov. 6, 2014, at 1:30pm.

Hunter is suing the CNMI government, Inos, the Lottery Commission, Torres, Deleon Guerrero, Demapan,

and Ogomoro.

Hunter, through counsel Jennifer Dockter, has asked the court to rule that the OGA applies to the Legislature, and that the lawmakers in the lawsuit are before the court for violating their public notice provisions.

The defendants urged the dismissal of the case against them, claiming that the OGA is unconstitutional as it applies to the Legislature, that the alleged violations are not justiciable, and that legislators are protected by immunity.

At the hearing, Senate legal counsels Jose A. Bermudes and Antonette R. Villagomez represented Torres. House counsels John Cool and Joseph Taijeron served as counsels for Deleon Guerrero, Demapan and Ogomuro.

Assistant attorney general Reena Patel appeared on behalf of the CNMI, the Lottery Commission, and Inos in his official capacity.

Wiseman heard the motions last July 2 and placed the matters under advisement.

The case arises from the

passage of two bills—HB 18-179 (casino bill) and HB 18-182 (amendment to the casino bill)—by the Legislature, where the required public notices were issued less than 72 hours before the sessions when the bills were passed, or the agenda in the public notice failed to include both bills as topics for discussion.

In his order yesterday, Wiseman ruled that Hunter's claims are justiciable because the Legislature's authority to craft its own procedural rules is not absolute, and its actions may be examined under the lens of the CNMI Constitution and applicable statutes.

In dismissing the Lottery Commission from the lawsuit, Wiseman said an injunction or declaratory judgment against the commission would be redundant and unnecessary in the event that the court does hold the legislators to the standards the OGA imposes upon them, since the laws enabling and requiring their operation may be rendered null and void.

In denying the motions to dismiss the claims against the

lawmakers, Wiseman said the legislators are not entitled to legislative immunity as they have not met their burden of demonstrating that their actions to pass both bills constituted protected legislative activity.

"Justice, and more importantly, the CNMI's own people, have called for transparency, accountability, and public participation in the policy making process, especially in circumstances such as these where the future of the CNMI and its economy are at stake," Wiseman said.

The judge said the court will not shy away from that charge, as the people have entrusted it with the power of judicial review of the actions of its elected officials, and will hold the Commonwealth's politicians to the high standards enumerated by the OGA provisions.

"Public participation in policy making is one of the most important aspects of a functioning democracy, and the strictures placed around such legislative activity will not be taken lightly by this court in this instance or any other," Wiseman added.

Friday deadline for Humanities Awards noms

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council wishes to remind the public that the deadline for submitting nominations for the 2014 Governor's Humanities Awards is this Friday, Oct. 10, at 4:30pm.

Individuals and organizations may be nominated in one of five categories: Research and Publication in the Humanities; Preservation of CNMI History; Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices; Outstanding Humanities Teacher (both in and

outside of the classroom); and Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities.

Nomination forms and instructions are available on the council's website, www.northernmarianashumanities.org, or at the council's office in Gualo Rai.

Awards will be presented during an evening ceremony on Oct. 23.

For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785. **(NMI Humanities Council)**

FAMILIES

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about student safety and the school will not open classes today," said Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan.

Emergency Services director Paul Camacho said the local chapter of the ARC is currently assisting 10 families on Saipan, four families on Tinian, and a family on Rota.

"The initial response is to provide families with cleanup kits and tarps to help them in the immediate term to clean up their homes from flooding and cover any damage to their roof to prevent leaking from rain. A more thorough client-case work will follow in the next few days to get a better assessment of the damage and to provide additional assistance," he said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

He assured that their Disaster Action Team is prepared in the event of more calls for assistance.

"Over 10 volunteers CNMI-wide were involved in providing assistance to affected families. We anticipate more

calls throughout the week and the Red Cross Disaster Action Team is on standby ready to respond," added Camacho.

Typhoon Vongfong left 180 people on Saipan, 25 people on Tinian, and 22 people on Rota seeking refuge at emergency shelters on the three islands.

On Rota, three Bangladeshi nationals lost their home made of tin and wood when Typhoon Vongfong blew it away early Monday morning.

Initial assessment by the Inos administration shows no injuries and only minor property damage.

"The CNMI is very fortunate to have been spared by Typhoon Vongfong. It's a miracle that only minimal damage occurred despite wind speeds of over 100 mph. The region is in an El Niño weather pattern and more storms are expected throughout the year and possibly into January next year. The residents of the CNMI are highly advised to do whatever is necessary to prepare their homes and property for the next wave of storms," said Camacho in a statement on behalf of the Red Cross.

FIRE

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leased any other information about the individual as investigation is ongoing.

Alvarez said the cause of the fire has yet to be determined as investigators were still conducting interviews with witnesses and residents in the area.

Several people, mostly children, watched firefighters spray water into the building, which is located just behind the Saipan and Northern Islands Leadership Memorial Kiosku.

Firefighters prevented the blaze from spreading to a one-story house and a two-story concrete building behind the

former CK Pool.

Alvarez said DPS Fire Division received an emergency call yesterday at 1:33pm from an unnamed person who reported seeing heavy smoke from a structure located across the Chalan Kanoa Post Office.

After a few minutes, DPS Fire Division personnel assigned to the CBRNE I and Medic I units arrived at the scene and confirmed that a single-story structure was fully engulfed in flames and portions of the roof had collapsed.

Two fire engines from Kagman and San Roque simultaneously arrived at the scene at 1:50pm. An additional Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Tanker Unit was dispatched to assist with water relay.

Alvarez said attack lines were immediately established throughout and around the structure, and surrounding buildings were evacuated.

"Due to the expanse of the building and the collapsed portion of roofing material, firefighters were only able to access a limited area inside the structure and mainly suppressed the fire from the [outside]," Alvarez said.

The fire was fully suppressed at 3:06pm and fire prevention personnel and arson investigators then began the salvage and overhaul portion of their investigation.

Alvarez said a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. crew helped cut off power to the immediate area to allow firefight-

ers to safely put out the blaze.

CUC personnel also diverted additional water to hydrants in the area to support the firefighters' increased water needs.

Alvarez said she could not confirm if the building was abandoned as the owner was not in the area at the time. She said they are not sure if the business was in operation.

Alvarez said some witnesses indicated it was an abandoned business, but others stated there were still individuals working in the building.

A few years ago, the owner of CK Pool complained that they lost their customers because the then-ongoing construction of the Kiosku was blocking the roads leading to the establishment.

Patient sues for alleged botched knee surgery

A woman is suing the Commonwealth Health Center for the alleged failure of its doctor who performed a total knee replacement surgery on her in 2010.

Agapita B. Borja asked the Superior Court to hold CHC liable for negligence and pay her \$100,000 in compensation for her personal injuries. Her hus-

band, Jose Borja, also joined as co-plaintiff and demanded payment from CHC for another \$100,000 for loss of consortium.

The Borjas, who are represented by attorney William M. Fitzgerald, are currently temporarily living in Washington State.

Saipan Tribune called the

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. yesterday but no one was available to comment.

According to the complaint, Agapita Borja was treated at CHC in 2010 for arthritis of the right knee by Dr. Ruben Arafiles, an orthopedic surgeon employed at CHC. At Arafiles' direction, Agapita was admitted to the Asian Hospital and Medi-

cal Center in the Philippines in July 2010.

Fitzgerald said that, on July 26, 2010, while still employed at CHC, Agapita performed total knee replacement surgery on Agapita at the Asian Hospital and Medical Center.

Fitzgerald said that Arafiles negligently performed the surgery that the total knee replace-

ment was a total failure.

"As a result of the botched and failed surgery, Agapita was forced to endure excruciating pain throughout the next two years," he said.

Fitzgerald said Arafiles continued to treat Agapita and told her that the total knee replacement had in fact been a total success and was properly done and that any pain she was experiencing was psychological and not from the surgery.

Finally, in May 2012, Agapita went to the Philippines and was examined by Dr. Ilustre Guloy, who informed her that her total knee replacement had failed and that she would need to undergo another total knee replacement to fix the problem.

Fitzgerald said as a result of the negligence of CHC and Arafiles, Agapita was forced to have total knee replacement surgery done all over again. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Kilili calls for broader screening to detect pre-diabetic condition

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) joined 61 of his colleagues in Congress to call for broader health screening guidelines that will help detect pre-diabetic conditions in people.

In a Sept. 30 letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sally Burwell, Sablan and other members of the House Diabe-

tes Caucus said knowing that one is on the verge of having diabetes could help people make lifestyle changes that could avert the disease.

"This points to the need for more effective screening so that persons in a pre-diabetic condition can make lifestyle changes or receive drugs that prevent or delay a full blown disease," the letter states.

"Right now, screening is only recommended for persons with hypertension. We think the federal guidelines should recommend screening for other risk factors, including age, being a member of a high risk ethnic population, or having a first-degree relative with diabetes," Sablan said.

He said the screening would be consistent with the recom-

mendation of the American Diabetes Association.

"We must do everything we can to help head off this disease," he added.

According to the CNMI Division of Public Health, one out of every two children born in the CNMI after the year 2000 is at risk of developing Type II diabetes.

Type II diabetes accounts for 90 percent to 95 percent of all diagnosed cases of dia-

betes, according to the Department of Health and Human Services' National Diabetes Report.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the prevalence rate of diabetes is 9.8 percent. From 2003 to 2006 those newly diagnosed remained stable and decreased between 2008 and 2010 from 186 to 142 new patients in the CNMI.

According to CDC, lower

limb amputation due to diabetes increased from 24 in 2001 to 52 in 2004, which led the then-Department of Public Health's Community Guidance Center's Diabetes Prevention and Control Program and the physical therapy of the Commonwealth Health Center to partner up and develop a foot care clinic to avoid amputations, leading to a decline in amputations from 2004 to 2008. **(Jayson Camacho)**

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Inos says CUC can now move forward with its project

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos sees good things coming down the line for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., with the issue of receivership now out of the way and large customers potentially hooking up to the power grid anew.

With all these issues squared away, Inos said that CUC can now solve many, if not all, of the issues under the stipulated orders without receivership or stringent court intervention.

"I believe that the agreement that was struck is a workable one and I think that we can accomplish everything in that agreement and hopefully sooner rather than later," he said.

Inos said they plan to eventually allocate future Capital

Improvement Project funds to meet the requirements of the agreement that was struck between CUC, the CNMI government, and the U.S. government.

"We are working with CUC right now to fund the projects," Inos said.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter approved the settlement agreement between CUC, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the CNMI government on Sept. 26.

This settlement agreement will require CNMI government to deposit over \$22.8 million over the course of five years that will be used to fund all projects required under the stipulated orders.

Instead of placing some CUC projects under receivership, Carter created an Engineering and Environmental Manage-

ment Company that will oversee the completion of all projects required under stipulated order 2. All parties are required to submit a list of potential EEMCs for court approval this month.

CUC must also fund an annual budget of not less than \$450,000 a year during the five-year period after the entry of the order for oil technical management. In the process, EPA waived \$40 million in penalties that have accrued for the SO2 projects.

Inos also commended CUC for getting large commercial customers back onto its grid through an experimental rate tariff.

The contract, which was approved on Sept. 26 by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, will help lure large commercial customers to

hook up to the CUC grid with an experimental—and cheaper—rate that will be in place for four years.

Inos said he sees a possible increase in CUC's revenue.

"That is the whole idea because we are trying to get them [back to the grid]. There is so much reserve that is available at CUC and we need to go out and sell the energy and generate in-

come back into CUC so we can take care of its many needs," Inos said.

He invited large customers to avail of the new rate and get back on the CUC grid.

"CUC, from a power generation standpoint, is very stable right now. We understand that maybe CUC power is just a little bit more expensive than their own independent power supply

but it is a more stable supply that CUC provides and we're there, rain or shine, and we should all work together," he said.

"I can understand the issue of the expense but if they come in and share in the energy that we use, that could further result in lowering the overall rate for everybody in the community, so we do hope that they come back in," he added.



TYPHOON CASUALTY

A tree felled by Typhoon Vongfong slumps into the path of a house in Kagman III near Tank Beach.

JAYSON CAMACHO

\$5K OK'd for children's park repair

Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law a bill setting aside \$5,050 for repairs of the Dandan Children's Park.

House Local Bill 18-54, which is now Saipan Local Law 18-21, appropriates the fund balance amount of \$5,050 under Saipan Local Law 17-

18 for the Dandan Children's Park's repair.

The law will specifically earmark the remaining funds under SLL 17-18 to repair the basketball court and lighting at the children's park.

Under the law, the expenditure authority will be the De-

partment of Public Works secretary. Inos signed SLL 17-18 last Oct. 2.

House Local Bill 18-54, authored by Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation last Sept. 16. **(Mark Rabago)**

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF HAWAII, Plaintiff,
v.
CLARINDA BESONG aka CLARINDA B. HIDEO, Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0067
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to the Default Judgment and Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 12, 2014, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right and interests of Defendant in and to the following real property, located in Koblerville, Saipan, CNMI:

Leasehold estate created by a certain lease made by Ramon S. Salas and Elsa V. Salas, as lessor, to Clarinda Besong as lessee, dated July 27, 2001 and recorded on March 28, 2002 as Document No. 02-674 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan, the following described premises, to wit:

Lot 005 I 299 as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 05, the original of which was recorded 31 JULY 84 as Document No. 84-1364 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan.

1. **Date, Time and Place of Sale.** The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendants), and will be held on **Thursday, October 9, 2014**, at the hour of **10:30 a.m.** at the entrance to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, D'Torres Bldg, Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI. Registration for the auction sale will begin at 10:15 a.m.

2. **Change of Terms and Conditions.** The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, before the auction date and time or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, will be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 16th day of September, 2014.

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In Re The Matter Of The Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For:

A.H.O.M. (D.O.B. 7/14/14)
Minor Child

By:

Theresita Paulis,
Petitioner

CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0420

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on October 23, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

DATED, this 24th day of September, 2014.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

By: /s/Deputy Clerk of Court

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BANK PACIFIC, LTD., Plaintiff,
-v-
LEWIS T. TENORIO and MARY ANN TENORIO, Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0021
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on September 17, 2014, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot 011 G 574, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 11, the original of which was recorded December 3, 1993, as Document No. 93-4179, at the Office of the Commonwealth Recorder, Saipan. Defendants are believed to hold a leasehold interest in the property. However, the sale will include the underlying freehold interest.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 24, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 24th day of June, 2014:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer



INVITATION TO BID NMHC IFB 2014-005

This ad is paid for with HUD funds.

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby give notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids for the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Rehabilitation Project in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested individuals or firms may pick up a copy of the Project Package beginning Thursday, September 25, 2014, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI and austerity holidays.

Bidders are also advised that this project is subject to compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act. All wage rates for laborers, mechanics and all other employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid the current minimum wage or the wage determination for the Commonwealth as specified in CM140001 for the Mariana Islands.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 3, 2014, at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed project site, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed Bids must be marked NMHC IFB 2014-005. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, Friday, October 17, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, Friday, October 17, 2014 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service or the official government postal service no later than Friday, October 17, 2014 AND must be received by Procurement and Supply no later than Friday, October 24, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, Monday, October 27, 2014. However, if no Notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, the bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m., local time, Friday, October 17, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Rehabilitation Project". Surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment Bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. Pursuant to Governor's Directive 251 dated March 15, 2006, bidders are required to include a Clearance from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner with respect to the financial bonding capability of the bidders' chosen Surety.

Performance time for completion of this project is Thirty (30) calendar days. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided to the Commonwealth. This project is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires recipients of HUD funds and the contractors to help insure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents and the businesses that serve them "to the maximum extent feasible."

NMHC hereby notifies bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, women and small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, and disability status.

All documents received shall be the sole property of the NMHC with the exception of the Bid Bond, Certified Check, or Cashier's Check, which will be returned to the proposers after the acceptance and award of contract to the successful contractor.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of NMHC, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of the Government.

/s/Marcie M. Tomokane
NMHC Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director
Division of Procurement & Supply

A resounding 'no' to military use of Pagan

Article 12 the 'hot-button' issue at first Marianas Indigenous Conference

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

Article 12 of the CNMI Constitution dominated the discussion at the final day of the Marianas Indigenous Conference hosted by Northern Marianas Descent Corp. on Sept. 29.

With five panelists invited to the discussion, different viewpoints were shared, detailing the pros and cons of Article 12.

The panelists included Oscar C. Rasa, a former speaker and member of the Marianas Political Status Commission during the Covenant negotiations with the United States; attorney Vince Seman; Guam resident Fanai Castro; Saipan resident Lino M. Olopai; former senator Maria Frica T. Pangelinan; and Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio.

According to Rasa, the discussion on Article 12 started because of Section 805 of the Covenant, which established a commonwealth in political union with the U.S. It requires that the CNMI government "25 years after the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement, may thereafter regulate the alienation of permanent and long-term interests in real property so as to restrict the acquisition of such interests to persons of NMI descent or NMD."

Rasa said Section 805 simply states that what constitutes as long-term interest in land is up to the NMD to decide.

"As a former Covenant negotiator, Section 805 was one of those issues that was raised and a lot of legal questions were involved," he said.

Rasa cited the *Wabot v. Villacrusis* case, stating that there were three particular issues the federal court abdicated on: trial by jury, apportionment of the senatorial districts, and the land alienation provision.

"This case basically asserts that if you're a U.S. citizen you have the right to own land. The federal court said, 'Not necessarily.' While all these were raised, the Covenant knew that these were without prejudice and subject to interpretation by the courts," Rasa said.

Pangelinan said the Covenant actually permits reconsideration of Article 12 after 25 years.

"I know that former speaker Rasa had a pre-mutual agreement. But that mutual agreement is no longer applicable after 25 years, therefore we have that option to unilaterally

ally decide what we want to do with respect to Article 12," Pangelinan said.

She said most people want to abolish Article 12 and just return to individual ownership by taking full control of the land without the restriction of Article 12.

Pangelinan was echoed by Seman, who quoted a sentence from the Covenant, that "Land is the only significant asset that the people of the Commonwealth have."

"For me that is a very big insult. For me, the greatest asset of any people should be its people, regardless of whether or not we have Article 12. Everyone of you has the capacity and should have the capacity to make your own decisions," Seman said.

He noted that one of the key phrases of Article 12 is "protection from exploitation" yet it does not preclude locals who take advantage of other locals through landownership.

"For 25 years we have been so busy protecting ourselves from the outsiders, little had been said about protecting ourselves from the insiders. All I am saying is that, don't sell your land, it is your decision," he said.

Tenorio, meanwhile, said he remembers that they all agreed on Section 805 of the Covenant when it comes to denying other U.S. citizens to own land in the CNMI. He said it was a very significant constitutional question on equal rights.

He noted that they talked about Guam and other islands that allowed their lands to be sold, citing the case of how the native Hawaiians lost most of their lands.

"Hawaiians were told to look up to the sky, and when some folks looked down, the land was gone," he said.

"The U.S. negotiators were very reluctant to accept the request of the discriminatory potential of land alienation and not allowing others to own land. It's not the U.S. that asked us to protect our land from others. I believe it was our own Covenant negotiators," Tenorio said.

Olopai discussed how the Carolinian style of ownership is different from the Western style of U.S.

The conference moderator, John Gonzales, said the issue will help the Northern Marianas Descent Corp. develop policy recommendations that will be presented to the upcoming 19th CNMI Legislature.

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

At the closing panel of Friday's "Preserving the Planet for Posterity through Partnerships: the Pagan Preferred alternative," the speakers reached a consensus to oppose the U.S. military's proposed use of Pagan Island.

House Speaker Joseph Leon Guerrero felt that the environmental impact statement the military is seeking comments on is a process that normally happens after a decision is made on whether an activity is conducted.

"If I was to come to your property, and say, 'Mr. Torres, I want to build my house over there, and I want to put my ga-

rage over here, and my septic tank over here,' and you say, 'Wait, hold on, don't you have to ask first if I'm going lease it to you, before you ask me to comment on your house?'" he said, giving an analogy to the crowd gathered.

He later brought up the issue of compensation, wondering aloud if there is a price or value that can be placed on a people not being able to go back to their home islands.

"What I'm really concerned about is we don't prepare for the possibility and when the time comes to negotiate [for compensation], they will use the only other example, an uninhabited island, the Farallon de Mendinilla. ...What was

the value of FDM? Thirty-four cents per square meter. That is not acceptable," he said.

Diego Kaipat, a Northern Islands resident, started his address with a "very big 'no' to the military takeover of Pagan."

"The people who have lived on the Northern Islands are a testament that we can live there without electricity, we can live there without turning on the stove to cook your food, we learned how to live with nature, and with all this issues that are popping up now. If they give us the opportunity early on to start and rebuild our lives again, we won't be in this predicament now," he said of his desire to see Pagan resettled.

Other panel speakers echoed

the desire to see a redevelopment of Pagan.

Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro lamented what she described as a lack of conversation with the military.

Guam's Peter Perez said Pagan is a "beautiful stronghold" that is a connection to Marianas' past.

"Our spirits are there," he said.

Delegate candidate Andrew Salas cited the United States' "military-industrial complex" as the obstacle when it comes to Pagan.

Jesus Taisague, another candidate in this year's election, pushed for the redevelopment of Pagan to "return people to their ancestral lands."

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Antietam sailors discuss Navy life with Saipan students

By MCS SEAMAN DAVID FLEWELLYN
USS GEORGE WASHINGTON

Sailors assigned to Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS *Antietam* participated in a community relations event at Mount

Carmel School on Sept. 29.

Mount Carmel School provides education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and serves the student body with a liberal preparatory curriculum to facilitate learning at every level.

During the event sailors went from class to class, talking about their lives in the Navy and answering student's questions about what they did.

"The kids were great and it was cool to talk to them about

what we do," said Interior Communication Electrician 3rd Class Jessica Mann. "They had a lot of questions for us, and we got to ask some questions and hear a little about them."

Sailors also read to students,

played volleyball and basketball during recess, and made time to take plenty of photos.

"We had a lot of fun hanging out with the students," said Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Jacob Bashiom. "I had a great time

playing volleyball with them."

Antietam is on patrol with the George Washington Carrier Strike Group in the 7th Fleet area of operations supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

Sailors spend time with GW High students



LEAH ECLAVEA

Sailors from aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* speak to students at George Washington High School in Mangilao on Oct. 3. The sailors went to the school for a community relations event.

MANGILAO, Guam—Sailors from aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* spent time with students at George Washington High School in Mangilao on Oct. 3.

The sailors played a variety of sports with the students and talked with them about having a

career in the Navy.

"We're not just here to go out there and just show our presence," said Navy Counselor 1st Class Michael Jimenez, USS *George Washington*. "We are here to show that we care about the community. We want to take care of the community in every

way possible. We want to show that we're a positive light and we want to make the best of everyone that we interact with."

The sailors enjoyed interacting with the students and had a friendly basketball competition. Lt. j.g. Cole Yoos, USS *George Washington* chaplain, watched

the games and spoke about how there was a connection between the sailors and the students because of the ship and the school mutually named after the first U.S. president.

"What we hope that our sailors will take away from interacting with these kids the understanding of how important it is to serve and give back to the local communities," said Yoos.

Max Ronquillo Jr., the school's activity coordinator, believes it is very important that the students and sailors interact with one other. "I think this is very, very inspirational," he

said. "GW itself is a very military community, having a lot of alumni [that] joined the ranks of the various armed services. So this will just reinforce that and will inspire the next generation to join the military somehow and contribute to our nation."

Ronquillo also spoke about how the sailors are role models to the students and that it was important that the students are able to learn about making good decisions for the future.

"I think it's a positive approach because there is a lot of kids that are interested in joining the military," said GWHS principal Lynda Hernandez-Avilla. "It is nice to get firsthand experience from those who are already in the military." (PR)



LEAH ECLAVEA

Sailors from aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* play basketball with students at George Washington High School in Mangilao on Oct. 3.



ALLAN TANGAYAN

Consul General Marciano R. De Borja, middle, poses for a photo with Maj. Gen. Benny Paulino, third from left, and other delegates of the Guam National Guard. Joining them are, from left, Consul Mark Francis Hamoy, Col. George L. Charfauros, Col. David Riano, Maj. Jumar Castro, and Consul Edgar Tomas Auxilian.

Guam National Guard briefs PH Consulate on SPP

A delegation from the Guam National Guard led by Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, and composed of Col. David B. Riano, Col. George L. Charfauros, and Maj. Jumar "Jay" Castro, visited the Philippine Consulate General on Sept. 29, 2014, to brief Consul General Marciano R. De Borja on the activities of and future events lined up under its State Partnership Program with the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Riano provided a brief background on the history of the SPP that began in 2001, focusing on civil military operations, professional development and humanitarian assistance/disaster response. In 2012, it expanded to include subject matter expertise exchanges, in partnership with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. In 2013 it became a sub-committee within the RP-US Mutual Defense Board. The SPP oper-

ates under the authority of the United States and the Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty and is the first of its type in the Asia-Pacific region followed by the Washington National Guard-Thailand Partnership.

Castro then provided a briefing on the various SPP program components and activities and highlighted past achievements, mainly in the Philippines, such as exchanges of AFP Senior Staff, Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Response, Medical and Dental Exercises, Engineering Expertise, Professional Development Expertise, U.S. Army ROTC Culture and Language Exchange, and other bilateral engagements between GUNG and the AFP. He said that there were 83 programs that have been completed under the program from 2003 to 2014.

For 2014, a total of 17 SPP programs have been planned

and 13 have already been completed. Among the four remaining programs to be implemented for 2014 is the AFP ROTC Exchange to be participated in by 13 participants from the different colleges/universities in the Philippines. It will be held in the University of Guam on Oct. 19-24, 2014.

De Borja expressed appreciation to Paulino and his delegation for regularly giving the consulate a briefing and updates on the SPP. He also expressed appreciation to the Guam National Guard for doing the SPP, which contributes to building the capability of the AFP and helps various community projects.

Joining the consul general during the presentation were Consuls Edgar Tomas Q. Auxilian and Mark Francis C. Hamoy, and Angie Cirineo. (PCG Agana)

Island Snapshots



HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE
Pacifica Insurance generously donated a hole-in-one prize of \$5,000 for Hole No. 17 in the Steven Brownstein/Saipan Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic to be held this Saturday, Oct. 11. The two-person scramble format game has a show time of 6am; shotgun start at 7am. Registration forms are available at Lao Lao Golf & Resort and at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office at the third floor of the Marianas Business Plaza.

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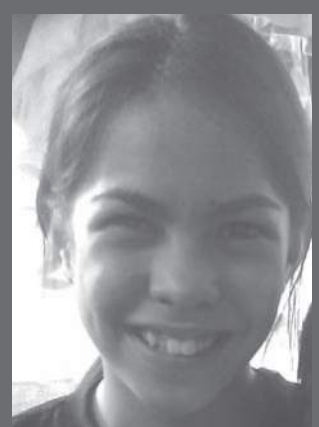


BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT
Happy birthday to our princess, Jayley Jo' Mendiola, who is celebrating her first birthday today, Oct. 8! We wish you the best and many more to come! Love always, from Mommy, Grandpa, and Grandpa.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



NEW PLAYGROUND
Class representatives, Mount Carmel School School chaplain Fr. Rey Rosal, center, and MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero cut the ribbon signifying the official opening of the new playground equipment that the school's Class of 1994 donated on Sept. 29.

THOMAS A. MANGLONA II



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT
Belated happy birthday to Madilynn Flores, who celebrated her 12th birthday on Sunday, Oct. 5! We wish you the best and many more to come! Love, from Auntie Marge, Jayley Jo', Grandma, and Grandpa.
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NDEAM ADVODATES
Gov. Eloy S. Inos is joined by officials and members of the Council on Developmental Disabilities, State Rehabilitation Council of the CNMI, and Office of Vocational Rehabilitation at the conference room of the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill after the proclamation of October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month last Friday.

JAYSON CAMACHO



COASTAL CLEANUP
Seventh-Day Adventist School students have their picture taken with the bags of trash they collected at Oleai Beach as part of their participation in the International Coastal Cleanup on Saipan on Sept. 26, 2014. The students collected eight bags of trash.

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EDITORIAL

Overconsumption threatens the world's wildlife

The following editorial appeared in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on Friday, Oct. 3:

Between 1970 and 2010, the planet lost 52 percent of its wildlife, according to data collected by the World Wildlife Fund and the Zoological Society of London. That's an alarming statistic even while certain creatures like otters, wolves and buffalo make a comeback.

The Living Planet Report released last week is based on an index that measures 10,380 representative populations of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. The report said the number of land and marine animals both plunged by 39 percent in less than half a century, while the worst loss occurred to freshwater animals at 76 percent.

Deforestation across every continent accounts for much of the decline in numbers of land animals such as elephants, gorillas and big cats that depend on lush forests for food and habitats in which to mate. The poaching of animals is another cause of this disaster.

Overfishing has devastated the number of marine animals faster than they can replenish themselves. Whales, sharks and dolphins are threatened as much as small fish, as fishing nets that are miles long drag indiscriminately across the ocean floor. Freshwater fish are also in steep decline as dams and pollution that disrupt habitat take a toll.

Coral reefs are succumbing to diseases caused by industrial farm runoff that empties into oceans from damaged rivers. Oxygen-depleted zones hundreds of miles wide are popping up in the world's oceans. Consequently, bird populations decline as their feed stocks die off.

The report says that 1.5 Earths are needed to maintain humanity at the rate that it consumes resources for "food, fuel and fibre, the land we build on and the forests we need to absorb our carbon emissions." World leaders need to take seriously the WWF's call for international talks on sustainable development goals and actions, including on climate change, that will reduce the depletion of resources and the harm to Earth's wildlife.

Changing mankind's patterns of consumption, waste and pollution will not only transform economies arguably for the better, but it is also the only rational thing to do on a planet with a growing human population and finite natural resources.

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XVII Asiad in Incheon

Last Saturday closed the XVII Asiad in Korea, aka The Asian Games. I watched it on and off during the week. It was actually anticlimactic as China racked the medal count for the ninth consecutive time with twice as much as the second, the host country, South Korea. The Philippines, which hosted the first event a century ago, had one gold, three silvers, and 13 bronzes.

China is into bragging rights these days, in response I think to continuous official putdowns from the United States and Japan. It sent numerous athletes into the fray, with the table tennis (*ping pong*) doubles becoming an awkward spectacle when it was fought over by contending Chinese teams vying for the gold. Hong Kong and Taiwan played on their own cognition.

English as the international language and Hanggul being the local tongue, we had the broadcast translated from Korean to English and then to Chinese. CCTV often just skipped the English. From the synchronized swimming to the track and field relay, China's team exhibited their prowess, while *Hanggul Saram* reflected all what they have learned from being the unofficial 51st State of the Union. The opening, attended by President Park, ended with PSY's universal *Gangnam Style*, the closing showed Korea's k-pop group of CN Blue, Big Bang, and Sistar. Shadows and moves of Michael Jackson are alive and well in South Korea!

The news was, of course, off the playing field. While China was racking the medals and the MVP is a Japanese swimming athlete, the DPRK sent ranking officials at closing that became the occasion for talks with their South Korean counterparts. At a time when Kim Jong-Un is allegedly having health problems, it was nice to know that ranking officials close to him were able to be away, settling rumors of a possible coup to rest. The Western press is often quick to the draw when imagining what might be happening in the Hermit Kingdom!

The swimmer MVP received his trophy from *keffiyeh'd* Kuwait's Sheik Ahmed Al-Fadah Al-ahmed Al-Sabah (how do they keep up with names that long), president of the Olympic Committee of Asia, responsible for the Asian Games. When the head of the local organizing committee gave his closing message in Korean, translated for broadcast in China in *Putunghua* but not in English, I sat back and practiced my *Ari-rang!* and echoed my *Yobo sa-i-yo* and *kamsa hamnida!*

The 18th Asian Games is scheduled next in Indonesia 2018 so the closing ceremonies presented costumed dancers that I thought looked and moved more like natives of Peru. Of course, a long time ago, the *Peruanos* traveled from the steppes of Mongolia whose kin also went down to Indonesia. Anyway, Korea managed to have its black-hatted "old" men in white kimonos, the stereotyped male Korean, performing stylized moves. With the Games' theme this year being *Diversity*

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Shines Here, Korea virtually subsidized everyone's coming to the Games to ensure attendance, an edge it gave India's New Delhi in the bidding for the venue.

Kinks in the games were few, with a couple showing steroids in their blood test, three basketball players born in the USA barred from competing, and the Qatar basketball ladies refusing to play when their *hijab* head gear were banned. Still, the One Asia theme was heavily promoted.

Asia as geography is problematic since the Persian word from which the name is derived from just means "east of Europe," but the contiguous landmass goes north up to Russia all the way to Bering Straits of Alaska. It does not fit therefore as a continent surrounded by water.

Used as an ethnic definition, Asia is problematic around the area between the Black and Caspian Seas, which is not Turkic, Mongol, Hindu, Malay, nor Han, or any of the other identifiable ethnic "Asian" minorities. This is probably why the central Asian countries of the USSR have since joined (though Russians from the 'Stans look odd) but not Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Armenia of the Aryan Mt. Caucasus area. Part of Turkey is Europe, and Aryan Iran takes exception to being lumped with the Arabs. Ideologically, Israel since 1974 was thumbed out on Arab objections. Calling it the Asian Games, however, might require some rethinking by its 45-member nations.

But for now, the fun and games at Incheon has come to a close. Longevity, if the Philippines—one of three original members of the precursor of the Asian Games—is to be an example, does not guarantee medal-earning performances. Overall, the top three gold medal accumulators are China, Japan, and South Korea.

But for now, the Korean Kims are talking ("Kim" is the regal name on both sides of Panmunjom, which also means "gold") as the DPRK sent high level officials to the closing ceremony and opened an opportunity between the separated kin. The U.S. quickly sent State Department officials while Pyongyang welcomed their athletes as returning heroes.

Meanwhile, Phonfone ravaged Japan, and thankfully, Vongfong skipped the Marianas. *Semoga beruntung*.

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‘Do you hear what I hear?’

Interpreting the eerie calm and silence in the political landscape going into Nov. 4. But one could sense the palpable grim tidings of the public mood in the troubled waters of life in paradise.

How do you tell the poor folks in the villages to “stop being poor” when you handed them the unsolicited trophy of hardship in subterranean poverty?

There’s frustration in the diminishing significance of offices being sought by irrelevant political dinosaurs for trashing the participation of “we the people” in recent past. However, this arrogance was heard loud and clear and embedded indelibly in the minds of responsible voters. It would be soundly reciprocated this November!

The younger voters comprising of more than 60 percent of the total 18K electorate would make the generational shift for younger leadership. You could feel it in their piercing eyes.

Our simple folks are looking for people with gravitas—integrity—who can tell the truth in forthright fashion. It’s all about leadership by example. Rather than engaging in expensive luncheons paid for by taxpayers, he brings his own lunch and eats with his people in their village kitchens.

They want someone who is humble yet firm to lead the crowd lost in the jungle of confusion. He’d climb a tree to see their whereabouts, saying, “Wrong direction let’s go this way!” Wouldn’t it be comforting to have someone with the real ability to listen by assessing our expressions focusing on our strengths? It’s one-on-one communications with “we the people!”

As we explore our aspirations on leadership qualities, it is equally our responsibility to participate proactively in the emplacement of our vision of the future forthwith. This can’t take second fiddle or place. Let’s try the competency of our younger political trade horses teeming with energy and enthusiasm to do the right things by doing them right!

Occasionally, I struggle to understand the politics of “everything is politics” between dysfunctional NMI and DC. It’s frustrating how politics could literally derail opportunities that would have improved the lot of the people in our community. This happens when political dinosaurs are beholden to special interests.

A lot has to do with the lack of focus to do the right thing by doing it right! How do you bring policymakers up to speed on issues

of substance? Does it matter to them? Nah! Not for as long as they collect their biweekly loot from taxpayers! This must end forthwith!

I’ve also been unjustly vilified for my views relating to leadership or fiscal crisis now seriously under life support system. It’s nihilistic ad hominem showing perniciency deficit by shallow critics.

Moreover, I never pay attention to malice that is adequately explained by stupidity. Voters aren’t ready for another dress rehearsal singing the same old tired song and dance. The powerful voice of change has gotten louder by the day! “Do you hear what I hear?”

Spending within our means

Buddy Magoo is very unhappy. He wasn’t in a conversational mood this morning. I’d poke him to see why the doom and gloom demeanor. Even his smile was guardedly sparse.

Said he, “Braddah, retirement is broke, CUC is broke, CHC is broke, and I am broke too!” I figure this isn’t one time when serious explanation would work. So I danced into humor.

“You see, braddah, they know that when you go to the store with one dollar you can only spend one dollar.” He nodded in approval.

“Are you saying our government spent more than a dollar?” he retorted. I explained that for the most part, its spending habit is forced by taking on more obligations than necessary like paying over 2,500 public sector employees.

“Why can’t they cut the public payroll so taxpayers don’t have to endure anymore wasteful spending than what they are today?” he asked. But in an election year that would be political taboo.

“Hell, if you don’t have the money why don the badge of courage in bankruptcy?” By this time it was getting warmer even though we were sitting near his dirty kitchen outside. I figure it’s time to go home. He was shaking his head, puzzled. “If you only have a dollar, so spend only a dollar!” I was like, “Yep! Go tell the politicians on Crapital Hill!”

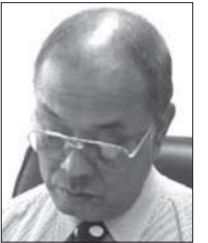
Disposing of land leases

We engage in aimless wandering how the Marpi (Marianas Resort) land should be disposed of. Politicians have even ventured braving the suspect statement that the decision should be based on “what’s

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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in the best interest of the NMI.” Apparently the spout is premised and limited to dollar figures, nothing else. Nice try!

Evidently, what’s in the “best interest of the NMI?” Can any of you coherently articulate this empty assertion so Tan Maria and Tun Jose can understand it? Is this something you could explain with integrity mindful of the indigenous people’s traditional relationship with the land?

Interesting disinterest

Understandably, PSS wants an increase in the percentage of the annual budget earmarked in advance for expenditure. This is a dangerous trend—spending public funds without critical review how taxpayers’ money is disposed—that should have alerted policymakers to slam the brakes forthwith!

But none of the members has seen fit to question why the gradual emasculation of a constitutional authority solely reserved for the House of Representatives. Would members be agreeable if I were to place the balance in an initiative permanently removing its authority to appropriate an annual budget?

Is the silence one of fear or just what is it and could any of you reason with us on this score? It’s the power of the purse, a constitutional authority solely reserved for the HORs. Isn’t it also true that all appropriations must begin in the House? Or has your interest diminished to “disinterest?” It’s your authority. What’s your reasoning for the obvious disinterest? Is your troubling silence mangled in the lack of understanding, therefore inability to articulate the beast?

Putting survival mode in the rearview mirror

Jason and Rhionna Watson are very good at making their money go a long way. They have to be.

On a modest combined income the couple have raised three children, earned college degrees, started careers and remained steadfast contributors to their church.

But the Watsons also found themselves beginning their 40s with a negative net worth and facing questions about shrinking their debts, building their savings and laying the groundwork for their retirements.

With their three children approaching adulthood — the oldest is a community college student — the Watsons are ready to put their years of “survival mode” behind them and create a more secure financial future.

They also saw an opportunity to change when Rhionna Watson began working full time in June, increasing the couple’s combined annual income 32 percent to about \$90,000 a year before taxes and withholding.

“The way we’ve always lived before is survival. How we can

do the most with the least?” Rhionna Watson said. Now that they have more take-home pay, the Watsons want to use the additional money wisely.

So the Seattle-area couple asked for a free money makeover from a financial planner with their local chapter of the Financial Planning Association. The chapter connected the Watsons with financial advisor Trish Howe.

Howe examined the Watsons’ finances and found the family was just scraping by, even though both parents have steady, full-time jobs.

Jason Watson is a certified technician who makes artificial limbs. Rhionna Watson is a case manager at a rehabilitation center.

The two bring home about \$6,321 a month after taxes. But they also spend about \$5,300 a month, Howe estimated, leaving the family with a weekly surplus of about \$255.

“For a family of five, that’s not much,” she said.

The Watsons also have about \$44,800 in debt from a student loan, a car loan and credit card purchases. They have about \$750 in savings.

Howe’s immediate goals for the family were to help them reduce their debt, live within their means and support their children in college.

The couple’s credit cards were at the top of Howe’s hit list. She urged the Watsons to stop digging a deeper hole by ending all credit card purchases except for emergencies. Howe also advised the couple to use debit cards instead, because the cards make spending more transparent by withdrawing money directly from the household checking account.

Next, Howe advised the Watsons to pay down their debt, starting with a \$1,807 credit card balance at a variable interest rate that is currently 13.24 percent. The Watsons figure they can pay \$400 a month on the card by tapping their weekly surplus and also diverting some money earmarked for savings. At that rate, the balance would be paid off by April.

That’s fine by them. “I hate having that debt over my head,” Jason Watson said.

As the Watsons reduce their debt payments, they will have more

By GEORGE ERB

The Seattle Times



money available for savings, Howe said.

Neither of the Watsons’ employers offered matching contributions with their 401(k) programs. So Howe advised the Watsons to open individual Roth IRA accounts at a discount brokerage that doesn’t have annual fees.

The Watsons and Howe even discussed the couple’s longstanding commitment to charitable giving, chiefly in the form of tithing 10 percent of their gross income to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The contribution is one of their largest monthly expenses.

Howe suggested temporarily reducing the contribution until the couple pays down their debts. Another alternative was contributing time instead of cash.

But charity and the church are among the couple’s core values, and the Watsons did not want to reduce their annual giving. “It wouldn’t feel like we were walking in faith,” Jason Watson said.

“We want to do well with the money, but we also want to do good things with the money, too,” Rhionna Watson said.

For the Watsons, one of the biggest takeaways from talking with Howe was pretty simple: “Start saving,” Jason Watson said.

After years of living paycheck to paycheck, the Watsons believe they may be turning the corner, chiefly because of their higher income and Howe’s guidance.

“I feel a little more hopeful,” Jason Watson said. “Once we get a few things paid off, we’ll be able to breathe again.”

“I’m looking forward to that.”








MARK HARRISON/SEATTLE TIMES/MCT

As their three children approach adulthood, Jason and Rhionna Watson are hoping for a new financial strategy.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
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Micronesia

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Palau	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼81
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼82
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼80
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Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼81

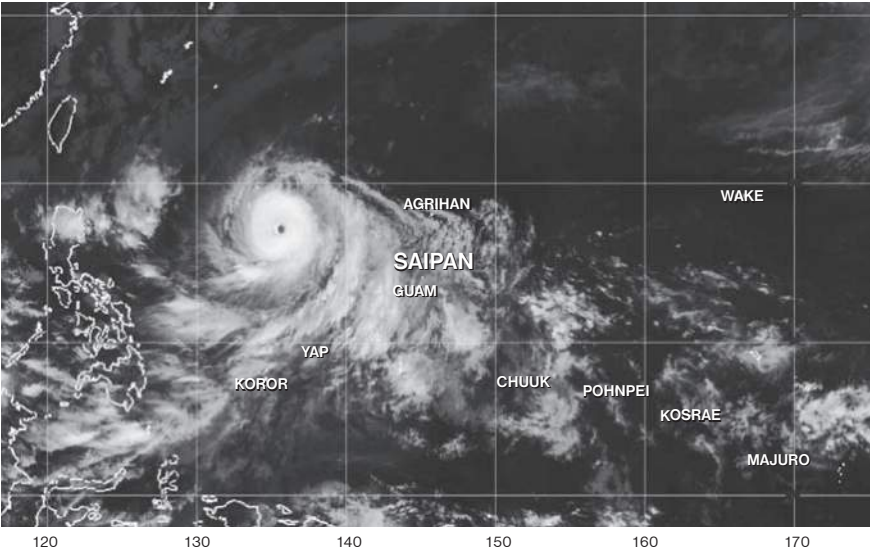
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Hong Kong	Sunny	▲83 ▼73
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲88 ▼75
London	Rain	▲62 ▼56
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲89 ▼66
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼47
Miami	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼75
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲74 ▼64
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲79 ▼63
Paris	Rain	▲69 ▼59
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲73 ▼61
Rome	Sunny	▲80 ▼60
Salem	Sunny	▲83 ▼54
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼58
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲73 ▼49
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲74 ▼61
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲76 ▼62

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
2:09 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet	
8:11 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet	
2:26 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet	
8:15 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Vongfong (19W) is centered about 640 miles west-northwest of Guam at 17N136E moving toward west at 17 mph with maximum sustained winds of 115 mph. Heavy rain and a few thunderstorms are within 200 miles of the center. For more information on Typhoon Vongfong, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. Moderate to strong monsoon winds are converging toward Typhoon Vongfong at 17N136E from the southwest through the southeast and producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in several large areas across the Marianas, the Republic of Palau and Yap State. The areas are roughly bounded by a line from 21N139E to 13N150E to 6N150E to 6N137E to 2N130E to 13N130E to 13N139E back to 21N139E. A tropical disturbance between Chuuk and Pohnpei is centered near 7N155E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are between 13N and 4N from 151 to 156E. Converging trade winds are triggering scattered showers from Kosrae across the Marshall Islands in two areas. One area near Kwajalein is within 50 miles of 9N168E and another area is between 7N and 3N from 164E to 180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:08 AM	6:02 PM
Thursday	6:08 AM	6:01 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	5:59 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:52 PM	5:34 AM
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Friday	7:31 PM	7:32 AM
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Sunday	9:12 PM	9:26 AM

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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:05pm	3, 5, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily
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Business

Can Hewlett-Packard survive the tablet trend?

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Personal computer sales have been in a slump for years, as customers flock to increasingly powerful smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices. Now Hewlett-Packard, the Silicon Valley stalwart that was once the world's biggest seller of personal computers, is splitting off its PC and printing businesses. It's the latest shakeup in a tech industry that's being reshaped by the mobile revolution.

IBM sold its PC business years ago. Dell took its struggles private. Can an HP spinoff focused on personal computing thrive?

"There's a significant transformation going on in that industry, and maybe now HP can make its move," said Forrester tech analyst Peter Burris, one of several analysts who say the iconic tech giant will need to get better at building and selling mobile gadgets if it wants the new spinoff to succeed. HP has stumbled in previous efforts to sell those devices.

HP's split is a sign that CEO Meg Whitman sees more growth and profit opportunity in selling commercial tech products, including data-center



^{AP}
This Nov. 14, 2011 photo, shows the company logo on a Hewlett-Packard keyboard at the Micro Center computer store in Santa Clara, Calif.

million desktop and laptop computers last year, and one out of six were sold by Palo Alto, California-based HP. But global sales fell 10 percent in 2013 and are likely to fall another 4 percent this year, according to the IDC research firm. PC sales should level off in 2015, forecasts O'Donnell.

"They can be profitable," he said, "but it's a stable, flat kind of market."

Printer ink has been a major source of profit for HP in years past. But printing also is a stagnating business, as more people store photos and files online and view them primarily on their phones and tablets. Even so, tying the printing business to PCs should provide a stable source of revenue for HP Inc. for some years to come, said tech analyst Patrick Moorhead of Moor Insights and Strategy.

HP also could expand that business to include 3D printing systems and home networks for Internet-enabled thermostats and other gadgets, since many printers today are part of a home network, he added.

Jettisoning PCs doesn't necessarily make Hewlett-Packard

Enterprise is a slam dunk. Analysts say HP has some good data-center products, but Whitman faces challenges in upgrading its commercial software and technology services businesses.

"Does this mean a new dawn is here for Palo Alto?" asked Burris. "No, it doesn't. It means that HP is going to have to do a lot of hard work to prove itself."

Hewlett-Packard has posted revenue declines in 11 of the past 12 quarters and laid off tens of thousands of people in recent years as it attempts to cut costs. During its most recent quarter HP reported revenue of \$27.6 billion, a 1 percent annual gain. It marked HP's first year-over-year increase in quarterly revenue since late 2011. Printers and PCs contributed roughly half the company's annual revenue, with the rest coming from commercial computer systems, software and technology services.

HP first considered breaking off the PC unit three years ago, when Leo Apotheker was CEO. But the idea was controversial and Whitman rejected it after she took his place in 2011 and launched a lengthy turnaround. She said Monday that HP has now shored up its business enough to support the split. The company believes the two new units will be worth more separately and be able to grow more quickly apart than they can together.

Resolve issues with 'loudmouth' colleague sans confrontation

Q: My coworker "Greg" seems to enjoy making me feel stupid. As the receptionist, I am responsible for various administrative tasks, including outgoing mail and copiers. Unfortunately, our postage meter is located on Greg's desk. Whenever I have difficulty with it, he makes comments about my lack of mechanical ability.

Recently, I called the vendor about a copier malfunction because we are not supposed to work on their machines. When Greg heard about this, he loudly proclaimed that waiting for a repairman was ridiculous, then fixed the copier himself. This made me feel totally incompetent.

I'm tired of being Greg's target, but haven't said anything because I hate confrontation. Should I talk to my supervisor about this or just try to ignore it?

A: Greg sounds like a chronic loudmouth, so no need to bother your supervisor with that. Instead of taking his tactless comments personally and getting

your feelings hurt, just try to develop a thicker skin.

However, talking to your boss about the business issues involved might be a good idea. Since you handle outgoing mail, for example, see if the postage meter could be moved to your desk. That would make the process more efficient, while simultaneously reducing your interaction with Greg.

Regarding copier repair, find out when the vendor should be called and when an in-house fix would be acceptable. This is actually an important question, because unauthorized equipment tampering could incur costs for your company. The next time Greg tries to play repairman, you can refer to these guidelines.

Finally, here's the moral of this story: It is sometimes possible to address annoying coworker issues without actually complaining about anyone.

Q: One of my employees is extremely disorganized. Unless I remind him constantly, "Ethan" overlooks details and fails to complete important

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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tasks. He refuses to make lists or use any other organizing system.

Unfortunately, Ethan likes to work independently and does not appreciate my meddling. I don't want to micromanage him, but unless I stay on top of everything he does, items fall through the cracks. How can I fix this problem?

A: The first thing to be fixed is the way you and Ethan are defining the manager/employee relationship. As Ethan's boss, you are not "meddling" when you try to improve his performance. And as your employee, Ethan does not have the right to ignore your feedback.

The real question here is whether Ethan has the ability to do this work. To find out, you must establish specific expectations and advise him that his job could be in jeopardy if he fails to meet them. Indicate that you will no longer provide reminders, but can suggest some strategies if he needs organizational help.

This approach has three possible outcomes. If Ethan succeeds on his own, praise his efforts and state that you expect continued success. If he struggles, but requests assistance, use that as the start of a coaching process. But if he neither does the job nor asks for help, then you need to begin planning his departure.

Samsung expects lowest profit in over 3 years

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Samsung Electronics Co. said Tuesday its third-quarter operating profit is estimated to have fallen to the lowest level in more than three years, as Galaxy handsets sales slow.

Samsung estimated that the median forecast of its July-September operating income at 4.1 trillion won (\$3.8 billion), lower than the median of analysts' estimate of 5.2 trillion won according to FactSet, a financial data provider. That is a 60 percent plunge from record-high 10.2 trillion won a year earlier.

The Korean company's earnings preview highlights the rapid decline of its mobile business as lower sales of its top-end Galaxy smartphones hurt sales at its component businesses, such as advanced display called OLED, and heavy marketing costs undermine profits.

"Smartphone shipments increased marginally amid intense competition. However, the operating margin declined due to increased marketing expenditure and lowered average selling price (ASP) driven by reduced proportional shipments of high-end models coupled with price decreases for older smartphone models," Samsung said in a statement.

Uncertainty continues to cloud its phone business during the current quarter but it said "the company cautiously expects increased shipments of new smartphones and strong seasonal demand for TV products."

Samsung estimated sales for the July-September period at 47 trillion won (\$44.2 billion), a 20 percent decline from a year earlier. Analysts expected 50.4 trillion won.

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In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.1409
British Pound	0.6229
Canadian Dollar	1.1171
Chinese Yuan	6.14
Euro	0.7922

Hong Kong Dollar	7.7544
Indian Rupee	61.4055
Indonesian Rupiah	12195
Japanese Yen	108.925
Malaysian Ringgit	3.2639
New Zealand Dollar	1.2806

Philippine Peso	44.76
Singapore Dollar	1.2774
South Korean Won	1069.75
Swiss Franc	0.9606
Taiwan Dollar	30.435
Thailand Baht	32.62

Nation

New concern worldwide as nurse in Spain gets Ebola

WASHINGTON (AP)—Raising fresh concern around the world, a nurse in Spain on Monday became the first person known to catch Ebola outside the outbreak zone in West Africa. In the U.S., President Barack Obama said the government was considering ordering more careful screening of airline passengers arriving from the region.

In dealing with potential Ebola cases, Obama said, “we don’t have a lot of margin for error.”

Already hospitalized in the U.S., a critically ill Liberian man, Thomas Duncan, began receiving an experimental drug in Dallas. But there were encouraging signs for an American video journalist who returned from Liberia for treatment. Ashoka Mukpo, 33, was able to walk off the plane before being loaded on a stretcher and taken to an ambulance, and his father said his symptoms of fever and nausea appeared mild.

“It was really wonderful to see his face,” said Dr. Mitchell Levy, who talked to his son over a video chat system at Nebraska Medical Center.

In Spain, the stricken nurse had been part of a team that treated two missionaries flown home to Spain after becoming infected with Ebola in West Africa. The nurse’s only symptom was a fever, but the



infection was confirmed by two tests, Spanish health officials said. She was being treated in isolation, while authorities drew up a list of people she had had contact with.

Medical workers in Texas were among Americans waiting to find out whether they had been infected by Duncan, the African traveler.

In Washington, the White House continued to rule out any blanket ban on travel from West Africa.

People leaving the outbreak zone are checked for fevers before they’re allowed to board airplanes, but the disease’s incubation period is 21 days and

symptoms could arise later.

Airline crews and border agents already watch for obviously sick passengers, and in a high-level meeting at the White House, officials discussed potential options for screening passengers when they arrive in the U.S. as well.

Nancy Castles, a spokeswoman for Los Angeles International Airport, said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has had employees on site at more than a dozen major international airports in the U.S. like LAX for many years. Screening of passengers starts with Customs and

Border Protection agents, who work with CDC when they have a case they are concerned about.

Obama said the U.S. will be “working on protocols to do additional passenger screening both at the source and here in the United States.” He did not outline any details or offer a timeline for when new measures might begin.

Additional screening would not have caught Duncan because he wasn’t exhibiting any Ebola symptoms when he arrived in the U.S.

The Obama administration maintains that the best way to protect Americans is to end

A convoy transporting a Spanish nurse who believed to have contracted the ebola virus from a 69-year-old Spanish priest leaves Alcorcon Hospital in Madrid, Spain, Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014.

the outbreak in Africa. To that end, the U.S. military was working Monday on the first of 17 promised medical centers in Liberia and training up to 4,000 soldiers this week to help with the Ebola crisis.

The U.S. is equipped to stop any further cases that reach

this country, said White House spokesman Josh Earnest.

“The tragedy of this situation is that Ebola is rapidly spreading among populations in West African who don’t have that kind of medical infrastructure,” Earnest said.

About 350 U.S. troops are already in Liberia, the Pentagon said, to begin building a 25-bed field hospital for medical workers infected with Ebola. A torrential rain delayed the start of the job on Monday.

Wealthy giving less to charity; Utah tops states

NEW YORK (AP)—Even as the income gap widens, the wealthiest Americans are giving a smaller share of their income to charity, while poor and middle-income people are donating a larger share, according to an extensive analysis of IRS data conducted by the Chronicle of Philanthropy.

The Chronicle, a leading source of news coverage of the nonprofit world, said in a report being released Monday that Americans who earned \$200,000 or more reduced the share of their income they gave to charity by 4.6 percent from 2006 to 2012. Those earning less than \$100,000 donated 4.5 percent more of their income, the report said.

The Chronicle’s analysis was based on tax returns filed by Americans who itemize their deductions, including their charitable gifts. Rankings were compiled for states and metropolitan areas based on the ratio of contributions to adjusted gross income.

According to the report, changes in giving patterns were most pronounced in major cities, where the percentage of income that residents donated dropped markedly between 2006 and 2012. In Philadelphia and Buffalo, New York, the share of income given to charity fell by more than 10 percent; there was a 9 percent drop in Los Angeles, Minneapolis-St. Paul and Washington, D.C.

Tami Phillips of the Midnight Mission, a Los Angeles charity serving homeless people, credited gifts from low- and moderate-income people, for helping sustain its programs during the recession.

“It hits closer to home,” said Phillips. “Any day, they too could become homeless.”

The Chronicle’s editor, Stacy Palmer, noted that wealthy donors, overall, were more oriented toward support of the arts and higher education than lower-income donors, and less oriented toward support of so-

cial-service charities.

At the state level, residents of Utah were the nation’s most generous, donating \$65.60 to charity for every \$1,000 they earned. One factor is Utah’s large presence of Mormons, whose church practices call for them to give at least 10 percent of their income to charity.

Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee—also with high proportions of loyal churchgoers—were next in the rankings.

At the bottom of the list was New Hampshire, where residents gave \$17.40 for every \$1,000 they earned. Its neighbors, Maine and Vermont, were the next lowest.

Palmer suggested that the low rankings for northern New England stemmed in part from low rates of church attendance, but also from residents’ “independent streak” and a tradition of self-reliance.

Nevada was the state with the fastest-growing rate of donations as a share of income, jumping nearly 13 percent from 2006 to 2012. Its major metropolis, Las Vegas, was the fastest-growing city in terms of generosity, rising 21 places since 2006 in a ranking of the country’s 50 largest urban areas.

North Dakota experienced the biggest decline in giving. Residents reduced the share of income they donated by nearly 16 percent, contributing \$24 for every \$1,000 earned on average. The Chronicle said that dip could have serious implications, given the increasing demand for social services as newcomers stream in to take advantage of the state’s oil boom.

Among the 50 largest cities, Salt Lake City had the most generous residents, giving away 5.4 percent of their incomes. It was followed by Memphis, Tennessee; Birmingham, Alabama; Atlanta, and Nashville, Tennessee.

In sixth place was Jacksonville, Florida—which trailed only Las Vegas for the biggest growth rate in giving between 2006 and 2012.

Court clears the way for gay marriage expansion

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court unexpectedly cleared the way Monday for a dramatic expansion of gay marriage in the United States and may have signaled that it’s only a matter of time before same-sex couples can marry in all 50 states.

Rejecting appeals from five states seeking to preserve their bans, the Supreme Court effectively made such marriages legal in 30 states, up from 19 and the District of Columbia, taking

in every region of the country.

Challenges are pending in the other 20 states.

Almost immediately, exuberant couples began receiving marriage licenses previously denied to them. “This is the dream day,” said Sharon Baldwin, a plaintiff in a challenge to Oklahoma’s ban, as she and her partner got their license in the Tulsa County Clerk’s Office.

Directly affected by Monday’s orders were Wisconsin, Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah and

Virginia. Officials in those states had appealed lower court rulings in an effort to preserve their bans. Couples in six other states—Colorado, Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wyoming—should be able to get married in short order since those states would be bound by the same appellate rulings that have been on hold.

While county clerks in a number of states quickly began issuing licenses to gay and lesbian couples, in some other states affected by the court’s action officials did not sound ready to give up the fight. However, their legal options are limited.

Monday’s terse orders from the court were contained among more than 1,500 rejected appeals that had piled up over the summer. The outcome was not what either side expected or wanted. Both gay marriage supporters and opponents had asked the court to resolve whether the Constitution grants same-sex couples the right to marry nationwide.

The justices did not explain why they decided to leave that question unanswered for now. They may be waiting for a fed-

eral appeals court to break ranks with other appellate panels and uphold state laws defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Or they may see little role for themselves as one court after another strikes down state marriage bans.

Still, the import seemed clear. What the justices did in virtual silence Monday “has to send a signal to the other courts of appeals that the Supreme Court does not think it’s so wrong to allow same-sex couples to marry, and that even conservative justices don’t think they have a good shot at getting five votes. And that sends a message that this essentially is over,” said Jon Davidson, legal director of Lambda Legal, an advocacy group for gay rights.

Leaders of the National Organization for Marriage predicted a backlash in the form of renewed efforts to pass a constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman.

“The notion that the people have nothing to say about this—that unelected judges are going to decide it for us—that’s preposterous,” said John Eastman, the organization’s chairman.

The state of gay marriage in the U.S.



Source: U.S. Supreme Court
Graphic: The Los Angeles Times

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Asia

Warships of rival Koreas exchange warning shots

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Warships from the rival Koreas exchanged warning shots Tuesday after a North Korean ship briefly violated the disputed western sea boundary, a South Korean defense official said.

The shots were fired into the sea and there have been no reports of injuries and damage to the ships of either side, the official said on condition of anonymity, citing office policy.

Such exchanges are not uncommon at the sea boundary, the scene of several deadly maritime skirmishes between the Koreas in recent years. But the latest incident happened three days after a group of high-profile North Korean officials made a surprise visit to South Korea and agreed to resume senior-level talks.

South Korean President Park Geun-hye on Monday stressed the need to hold high-level talks on a regular basis, saying she hopes North Korea

would show how sincere it is about improving ties.

The South Korean official said the North Korean ship was in South Korea-controlled waters for about 10 minutes before it retreated to its waters. He said a South Korea navy ship first broadcast a warning and then fired warning shots before the North Korean ship fired back at waters near the South Korean ship. The South Korean ship returned fire into the sea near the North Korean ship, the official said.

North Korean navy ships and fishing boats frequently violate the boundary drawn by the American-led U.N. command at the end of the Korean War in the early 1950s without the North's consent. The line cuts North Korea off from rich fishing waters.

The Korean Peninsula remains at a technical state of war because the Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

Hong Kong protests subside after tumultuous week

HONG KONG (AP)—Student-led protests for democratic reforms in Hong Kong subsided Monday but a few hundred demonstrators remained camped out in the streets, vowing to keep up the pressure until the government responds to their demands.

Schools reopened and civil servants returned to work Monday morning after protesters cleared the area outside the city's government headquarters, a focal point of the demonstrations that started the previous weekend. Crowds also thinned markedly at the two other protest sites, and traffic flowed again through many road that had been blocked.

The subdued scenes left many

wondering whether the movement, which has been free-forming and largely spontaneous, had run its course, and what the students would do next.

Early talks between the government and the students have started, but many disagreements remain. Students say they will walk away from the talks as soon as the government uses force to clear away the remaining protesters.

"This is definitely not the end—we've never set a time-frame for how long this should go on. It's normal for people to go home, to come and go," said Alex Chow, one of the student leaders. "It's up to the government now. This is the first step, but the pressure has

to continue."

The number of protesters had swelled into the tens of thousands last week to express opposition to China's decision to screen all nominees in the first direct elections for Hong Kong's leader, promised by Beijing for 2017. The activists want open nominations and the resignation of the current chief executive, Leung Chun-ying, who has refused to step down.

The previous weekend, police fired tear gas and pepper spray on unarmed protesters, prompting some to defend themselves with umbrellas and homemade masks. That galvanized public support for the demonstrations, and on both weekends, tens of thou-

sands of protesters have turned out in the streets.

But on Monday the numbers were down to just a couple hundred in the main protest site of Admiralty and in the Mong Kok area, where some scuffles broke out over the weekend between protesters and residents. About 25 protesters, mostly students, refused to budge from their site outside the government headquarters, and some say they plan to stay for as long as they can.

Police said they had arrested 30 people since the start of the protests. Protesters, meanwhile, complained the police were failing to protect them from attacks by mobs intent on driving them away.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Report: Japanese had plans to join Islamic State

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese police questioned a university student and several others Monday over suspected plans to travel to Syria to join the Islamic State group, news reports said. The reported investigation by Tokyo police would be the first indication of possible support within Japan for the militant group. Public broadcaster NHK and Kyodo News service said investigators questioned a 26-year-old male Hokkaido University student and several men who shared a house with him on suspicion they were preparing to go to Syria to fight. Investigators believe that the student, who is on a leave of absence from school, responded to a poster at a used-book store in downtown Tokyo offering positions for "work in Syria," Kyodo said. It quoted investigators as saying the student admitted he had planned to join the group in Syria. NHK and Kyodo said police searched the house and the bookstore but did not formally arrest the men.

Kashmiris flee India-Pakistan violence; 9 dead

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Tens of thousands of villagers fled their homes in Kashmir on Monday, as Indian and Pakistani troops bombarded each other with gunfire and mortar shells over the border separating Pakistan from India's portion of the disputed region. At least nine civilians were killed. Indian officials said the flare-up left five villagers, including one child, dead and 35 injured on the Indian side of the border. The Pakistani army reported four civil-

ians killed on its side, including two children, and three injured. Monday's violence - one of the worst violations of a 2003 cease-fire between India and Pakistan - followed several meetings between the commanders of the two countries' border forces aimed at calming tensions. Two of the three wars between the nations have been fought over their competing claims to Kashmir, though the 2003 cease-fire has largely held despite small but regular skirmishes. Each side accused the other of firing first before dawn, and each said its troops had only retaliated.

Gunmen kill 2 Swiss men at Philippine beach resort

OPOL, Philippines (AP)—Two Swiss men were gunned down at a beach resort in the southern Philippines, police said Monday, adding that the attack did not appear to be a robbery or an act of terrorism. Police Senior Inspector Alwin Baclao said Robert Erich Lober, 67, and Balthasar Johann Erni, 78, were walking out of a beach resort Sunday with their Filipino girlfriends in Opol town in Misamis Oriental province when two men approached and shot them in the head and body. The two women were not wounded and will be interviewed by investigators, who were reviewing security camera footage in a nearby beach resort where the victims also dropped by. The brazen attack did not appear to be a robbery because the gunmen, who fled in a taxi, did not take the victims' cash and jewelry, Baclao said by phone. There also was no sign that Muslim militants from nearby regions were involved, he said.



A pro-democracy supporter sleeps on the streets around government headquarters, occupied by student pro-democracy protesters Monday, Oct. 6, 2014 in Hong Kong.

Philippine tracker dogs to help look for hostages

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine military is deploying 10 teams of tracker dogs to help locate about a dozen hostages being held by Abu Sayyaf gunmen in jungle bases in the south, including two German tourists the militants have threatened to kill.

The teams will leave Manila on a C130 cargo plane Tuesday heading to Zamboanga city for eventual deployment to Jolo island in Sulu province, where the hostages were being held separately, military spokesman Lt. Col. Harold Cabunoc said Monday.

The intensified manhunt was intended to pressure the ransom-seeking militants but he added

the military has given no order for a rescue to be launched. More army troops have also been deployed to Sulu, a poor, predominantly Muslim region 950 kilometers (590 miles) south of Manila.

"We want to pressure them to eventually release the hostages," Cabunoc said. "If they're free to roam everywhere, they dictate the tempo. We must be the one dictating the tempo."

The military move came after an Abu Sayyaf faction led by Hatib Hajan Sawadjaan threatened to kill one of their two German captives if a huge ransom was not paid this month.

The militants have posted a picture on the Internet show-

ing one of several masked men holding a long knife above the nape of a kneeling Stefan Okonek beside his companion, Henrike Dielen. They have allowed the two to speak on a local radio network in an apparent bid to pressure their families and the German government.

Okonek, who said he was a medical doctor, and Dielen were taken at gunpoint from a yacht between Malaysia's Sabah state on Borneo Island and the western Philippine province of Palawan in April and then taken to an encampment off Sulu's mountainous Patikul town, military and police officials said.

Philippine officials have said

they would not negotiate. Cabunoc said government forces would not take any step that would endanger the captives.

The German foreign ministry formed a crisis team and is in touch with Philippine authorities. It has refused to provide more details in line with a policy of not discussing kidnapping cases.

Aside from the Germans, the militants hold a Dutch and a Swiss seized more than two years ago while birdwatching trip in the south. Another Abu Sayyaf faction led by Alhabsi Misaya is holding a Malaysian marine police officer taken in Sabah in July. The rest of the hostages are Filipinos.

World

Nobel Prize for work on brain's navigation system

STOCKHOLM (AP)—How do we remember where we parked the car? And how do we figure out a shortcut to work when there's a big traffic jam?

The brain, it turns out, has a GPS-like function that enables people to produce mental maps and navigate the world—a discovery for which three scientists won the Nobel Prize in medicine Monday.

Husband-and-wife scientists Edvard Moser and May-Britt Moser of Norway and New York-born researcher John O'Keefe were honored for breakthroughs in experiments on rats that could help pave the way for a better understanding of human diseases such as Alzheimer's.

"We can actually begin to investigate what goes wrong" in Alzheimer's, said O'Keefe, a dual British-American citizen. He said the findings might also help scientists design tests that can pick up the very earliest signs of the mind-robbing disease, whose victims lose their spatial memory and get easily lost.

It was in London in 1971 where O'Keefe discovered the first component of the brain's positioning system.

He found that a certain type of nerve cell was always activated when a rat was at a certain place in a room. Other nerve cells were activated when the rat moved to another place. He



This is handout image provided NTNU in Trondheim Norway on Monday Oct. 6, 2014 of Edvard Moser and his wife May-Britt Moser in a laboratory in Trondheim in 2008.

demonstrated that these "place cells" were building up a map, not just registering visual input.

Decades later, in 2005, the Mosers identified another type of nerve cell—the "grid cell"—that generates a coordinate system for precise "positioning and path-finding," the Nobel Assembly said.

"I made the initial discovery over 40 years ago. It was met then with a lot of skepticism," the 74-year-old O'Keefe said. "And then slowly over years, the evidence accumulated. And

I think it's a sign of recognition not only for myself and the work I did, but for the way in which the field has bloomed."

John Kubie of the SUNY Downstate Medical Center in New York said this GPS system in the brain is used in such everyday tasks as remembering where a car is parked or taking a new shortcut on the way home. Kubie also said learning about it may teach scientists more about how the brain learns and remembers, even apart from navigating.

Born in Harlem and raised in the South Bronx, O'Keefe received his doctoral degree in physiological psychology at McGill University in Canada before moving to England for postdoctoral work at the University College London.

"If you can survive the South Bronx, you can survive anything," he said.

Monday's award was the fourth time that a married couple has shared a Nobel Prize and the second time in the medicine category.

Nobel laureates in medicine

The Nobel Prize for physiology or medicine has been awarded to three scientists who discovered the brain's "GPS system". Prof. John O'Keefe, May-Britt Moser and Edvard Moser share the award.



The Nobel Prize in medicine and physiology has been awarded since 1901. Famed winners include Alexander Fleming, who shared the 1945 prize for the discovery of penicillin, and James Watson, Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins, the 1962 winners for describing the molecular structure of DNA.

Here is a list of some of the winners and their achievements

2014 - John O'Keefe, May-Britt Moser, Edvard Moser: For their discoveries of cells that constitute a positioning system in the brain.

2010 - Robert Edwards: For the development of human in vitro fertilization (IVF) therapy.

2005 - Barry J. Marshall, J. Robin Warren: For their discovery of the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* and its role in gastritis and peptic ulcer disease.

2000 - Arvid Carlsson, Paul Greengard, Eric R. Kandel: For their discoveries concerning signal transduction in the nervous system.

1995 - Edward B. Lewis, Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard, Eric F. Wieschaus: For their discoveries concerning the genetic control of early embryonic development.

1990 - Joseph E. Murray, E. Donnall Thomas: For their discoveries concerning organ and cell transplantation in the treatment of human disease.

1985 - Michael S. Brown, Joseph L. Goldstein: For their discoveries concerning the regulation of cholesterol metabolism.

1980 - Baruj Benacerraf, Jean Dausset, George D. Snell: For their discoveries concerning genetically determined structures on the cell surface that regulate immunological reactions.

1975 - David Baltimore, Renato Dulbecco, Howard M. Temin: For their discoveries concerning the interaction between tumor viruses and the genetic material of the cell.

1970 - Bernard Katz, Ulf von Euler, Julius Axelrod: For their discoveries concerning the humoral transmitters in the nerve terminals and the mechanism for their storage, release and inactivation.

1965 - Francois Jacob, Andre Lwoff, Jacques Monod: For their discoveries concerning genetic control of enzyme and virus synthesis.

1960 - Frank Macfarlane Burnet, Peter Medawar: For discovery of acquired immunological tolerance.

1950 - Edward Calvin Kendall, Tadeus Reichstein and Philip Showalter Hench: For their discoveries relating to the hormones of the adrenal cortex, their structure and biological effects.

1930 - Karl Landsteiner: For his discovery of human blood groups.

1920 - August Krogh: For his discovery of the capillary motor regulating mechanism.

1910 - Albrecht Kossel: In recognition of the contributions to our knowledge of cell chemistry made through his work on proteins, including the nucleic substances.

1901 - Emil von Behring: For his work on serum therapy, especially its application against diphtheria.

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Womb transplant mother hopes to inspire others

By MARIA CHENG
AP MEDICAL WRITER

The Swedish parents of the first baby ever born to a woman who had a womb transplant say they hope they can be an inspiration to others struggling with infertility.

After what they describe as a rollercoaster of a journey, the unidentified Swedish couple finally became parents last month, when the mother gave birth to a healthy but premature baby boy. For the couple, making history was an afterthought.

"Yes, we're the first to do this, but that's not the important thing," she told The Associated Press during an interview at their home, in an undisclosed part of Sweden. "I want people to know that what they think is impossible can happen."

To mark their baby's birth as a victory over their difficult journey to parenthood, they named him Vincent, meaning, "to conquer."

Cradling her sleeping young son, she said she still could not believe she was finally a mother, after being told at 15 that she had no womb and would never carry her own children. Now 36, she was one of nine women to receive a transplanted womb last year in a ground-

breaking trial led by Dr. Mats Brannstrom, a professor of gynecology and obstetrics at the University of Gothenburg.

Based in Gothenburg, Brannstrom said his patients are from all over Sweden. Aside from his efforts, two other such transplants have previously been tried - in Saudi Arabia and Turkey - but neither reported a live birth.

For the new mother, the normal stresses of caring for a newborn seem less important after years of thinking she would never have a child.

"We've been through so many things I couldn't control, but now that this little fantastic boy is here, I just feel relieved," she said, in a near-spotless, stylish two-floor house that bore little trace of a newborn except for an errant pacifier on the kitchen counter.

Her husband said they will be forever grateful to the 61-year-old woman who donated her uterus, the mother of one of his best friends. She made the offer after hearing about the difficulties the young couple was having in starting a family.

"What she did for us was so amazing and selfless that the words 'thank you' don't seem like enough," said the father,

adding she is also the godmother to their son.

These days, the new parents are busy marveling at their baby's expressive face and remarkably calm nature.

"He doesn't really scream, but he makes these funny little sounds," the mother said, comparing him to a little kitten.

WORLD BRIEFS

Eiffel Tower gets \$38M vertigo-inducing facelift

PARIS (AP)—The Eiffel Tower has been given a vertigo-inducing facelift as organizers celebrate the Paris monument's 125th anniversary. The 324-meter (1,063-foot) tower now has see-through glass floor panels on its first level. The four small viewing sections, which cost 30 million euro (\$38 million), were unveiled to visitors Monday. Though the first level is only 57 meters (187 feet) high, it's not for the faint-hearted. One Jordanian tourist, Yousef Mo-baidin, said he was "terrified. It looks really scary," gripping his friend's arm as he walked on the glass. Aaron Smith from Hawaii admitted to getting butterflies, hoping "they did a good job building it." The iron-lattice

tower is the world's most visited paying attraction, and was erected for the 1889 World Fair.

Though his white wooden crib has a welcoming teddy bear and blankets, she said her son prefers to sleep in between his parents in their bed.

She and her husband said they haven't quite figured out how to tell their son how he made medical history, once he's older.

Islamic State wages assault on Syrian border town

MURSITPINAR, Turkey (AP)—Islamic State fighters backed by tanks and artillery pushed into an embattled Syrian town on the border with Turkey on Monday, touching off heavy street battles with the town's Kurdish defenders. Hours after the militants raised two of their Islamic State group's black flags on the outskirts of Kobani, the militants punctured the Kurdish front lines and advanced into the town itself, the Local Coordination Committees activist collective and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human

Rights said. "They're fighting inside the city. Hundreds of civilians have left," said Observatory director Rami Abdulrahman. "The Islamic State controls three neighborhoods on the eastern side of Kobani. They are trying to enter the town from the southwest as well." The center of the town was still in Kurdish hands, Abdulrahman said. Kurdish officials could not be immediately reached for comment.

Court hears forensic evidence in honeymoon killing

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—A British man accused of arranging the murder of his wife during their honeymoon in South Africa pleaded not guilty on Monday to all charges. It was

the first day of a trial delayed for years by an extradition process between South Africa and the United Kingdom. Shrien Dewani's lawyer read a nearly 40-page statement on behalf of his client, recalling the details surrounding the death of his wife Anni. Dewani claims he and his wife were hijacked and kidnapped at gunpoint in Cape Town. During the incident in Dewani was released unharmed, while Anni was shot dead. The millionaire businessman described the killing as "a traumatic experience" saying that he suffered "flashbacks, nightmares and anxiety attacks" that have affected his ability to remember clearly. Dewani said he and his wife were in the back of a taxi when it was allegedly hijacked by armed men.

Focus

Learning how to survive a plane crash

AP
In this Sept. 10, 2014 photo, British Airways flight safety instructor Andy Clubb, center, instructs participants as theatrical smoke begins to fill the cabin simulator during a British Airways flight safety course at the airline's Cranebank training facility, near Heathrow airport in London.

LONDON (AP)—They raced down the slide, one by one, like children on a playground. At the bottom, smartphone photos were snapped and high fives exchanged.

The frequent fliers were all smiling and laughing—and quietly hoping to never use an evacuation slide again. Doing so would mean their plane had just crashed.

The slide demonstration was part of a half-day safety course that encourages passengers to be aware of their surroundings and familiarize themselves with what happens in an emergency. The two dozen participants learned the best way to brace for a crash, how to open aircraft doors and why to wait until exiting a plane to inflate life vests.

"In this day and age, everybody is so comfortable with flying, they get on planes and don't consider safety," says Andy Clubb, a safety instructor at British Airways' flight training center.

Started as a training exercise for oil company employees who routinely flew to remote locations, the course is now open to frequent fliers willing to pay \$265, although most participants are still sent by their companies. There are up to three classes a week.

The class begins inside a Boe-

ing 737 cabin simulator. Airplane seats are selected. Seatbelts are buckled. The safety demonstration begins. Just like on a real flight, nobody pays attention—and these are passengers who know there is going to be a crash. The simulator rocks back and forth like taxiing, then tilts up for takeoff.

Soon theatrical smoke fills the cabin and the flight attendants shout "Brace. Brace. Brace." Everybody's head goes down until the evacuation order is given.

It's a scramble to the nearest exit. Some passengers fare better than others. Seatbelts aren't snapped off quickly enough. One woman struggles to open the emergency exit over the wing.

When the smoke clears, the group sits back down and learns that six to eight passengers can go through the door in the time it takes one passenger to go through the tiny over-wing exit. Seconds count. In the simulator, anyone who hesitates gets a stern lecture. In real life, they're pushed out the door, down the slide by a flight attendant.

Clubb explains that the key to survival is getting into the proper brace position: Bend forward as far as possible, keep your head down. Place your feet flat on the floor and slide them back.

Your dominant hand goes on the back of your head. Protect



AP
In this Sept. 10, 2014 photo, a participant slides down an escape slide during a British Airways flight safety course at the airline's Cranebank training facility, near Heathrow airport in London.

that hand by placing the other hand over it. Do not interlock fingers. The goal is to ensure that the bones in the stronger hand aren't broken so you can

eventually unbuckle the seatbelt.

Will members of the class ever use the training? Each day, 8.3 million people around the

globe step aboard some 93,500 flights. They almost always land safely. In the past decade, there have only been 138 crashes worldwide that had fatalities, according to aviation consultancy Ascend.

The majority of crashes occur during takeoffs and landings and there are often survivors.

"The likelihood is that you are never going to have to do it in a real life situation. But knowing now that you could do it, just gives you a bit more confidence," says participant Sarah Barnett, who frequently flies in her job marketing vacation destinations. (Classes can be booked here: <http://www.britishairways.com/en-us/baft/flight-safety-awareness/courses-for-individuals>)

The course also aims to give the fliers confidence in the people at the front of the plane.

"The two guys at the front of your airplane are probably the most highly regulated and checked professionals you'll find anywhere—certainly more than your doctor or your lawyer or your accountant," says British Airways pilot Martin Hockfield.

Hockfield tells the class that pilots come in twice a year for testing. In a simulator, they practice takeoffs with engine failures or landing after a loss of hydraulic pressure. It's like taking a driving test every six months—in a broken car.

British Airways hopes the more than 15,000 people who have taken the training since 2004 can act as leaders for others to follow in a crash. Some passengers freeze or melt down in an emergency. If they see someone quickly, calmly and confidently following a flight attendant's instructions to evacuate, they might do the same.

The instructors share this takeaway: All passengers should think about an emergency during the safety demonstration. Use that time to look for the nearest exit, plus an alternative one. Check where the life vest is and practice unbuckling the seatbelt to build a bit of muscle memory.

There were other safety tidbits dispensed that day. Red lights always signal an exit because the color cuts through smoke the best. Always inflate life vests outside the plane; they can limit mobility in a tight space and if water fills the cabin, passengers with inflated vests can be pressed up against the ceiling, unable to swim down to the door.

All bits of knowledge that, if they're lucky, passengers won't ever need.

"Fingers crossed, this afternoon has been a complete, utter waste of time," Clubb says. "You are at greater risk getting in your car and driving to the airport."

Good Housekeeping

Get home prepared well before hurricane strikes

By ALAN J. HEAVENS
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Three years ago, my family and

I drove overnight from Maine to New Jersey, trying to get home ahead of Hurricane Irene.

That memory from late Au-

gust 2011 prompts hurricane-preparation thoughts today. Here are some tips from Ready.gov—some things to do well in

advance of landfall:

To start, put together an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.

COMFORT FOOD

Apple-Raisin Snack Cake

By HEALTHY EXCHANGES
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One apple, two apples, three apples all/A delectable snack, perfect for fall! Bite into this snack cake, and you'll be writing poems of thanks, too!

3/4 cup unsweetened applesauce

1/4 cup unsweetened apple juice
2 eggs or equivalent in egg substitute
Sugar substitute to equal 3/4 cup sugar, suitable for baking

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon apple pie spice
1 1/2 cups cored, peeled and

finely diced cooking apples
6 tablespoons raisins

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with butter-flavored cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, combine applesauce, apple juice and eggs. Add sugar substitute, flour, baking powder and apple pie spice. Mix well to com-

bine. Fold in apples and raisins. Spread batter into prepared baking dish.

3. Bake for 30 minutes. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for at least 30 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

■ *Each serving equals: 161 calories, 1g fat, 4g protein, 34g carb., 154mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1 Fruit.*

Know your surroundings. Learn the elevation level of your property and whether the land is flood-prone. That will help you know how your property might be affected should storm surges or tidal flooding occur.

Learn community hurricane-evacuation routes and how to find higher ground. Determine where you would go and how you would get there if you needed to evacuate.

Make plans to secure your property, starting with covering all your home's windows.

Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection. Another option is to board up windows with 5/8-inch exterior-grade or marine plywood, cut to fit and ready to install.

Install straps or additional clips to fasten your roof securely to the frame structure. That will reduce roof damage.

Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well-trimmed so they are more wind-resistant.

Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.

Reinforce your garage doors. If wind enters a garage, it can cause dangerous and expensive structural damage.

Sprucing up an old linoleum floor

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA
KING FEATURES SYND., INC.

Q: The linoleum floor in our kitchen is yellowing badly. I like the pattern, which came with the house, but can't find the same thing at the flooring store. Is there a way to clean and brighten up the floor rather than replace it?—Joe T., via e-mail

A: You can spruce up old linoleum flooring with a bit of effort. While you might not be able to get rid of all the yellowing, some elbow grease and some common household ingredients can really improve its overall look.

Linoleum cleaning was the bane of my early years in property maintenance, many years ago. Mornings started with a specific regime of cleaning, waxing and buffing floors that had been laid down at least 20 years earlier. They also were completely stripped and re-waxed on a regular basis. The end result: a durable floor that survived decades of daily stampedes by office workers.

Most kitchen floors don't get that level of respect, but linoleum floors do hold up over the years if cared for properly. Much of the yellowing happens in the wax or other type of finish sitting on top of the linoleum.

That's different from yellowing that occurs in vinyl floors (which can be easily identified because their patterns are printed on the top but don't carry through, while linoleum colors or patterns show through the entire tile to the bottom). Finishes are typically incorporated into the vinyl (hence the old marketing term, "no wax floors"), so yellowing and ground-in dirt can be harder to deal with.

To clean linoleum, you'll need a mild cleaner (like dish detergent) and a soft sponge or cloth to start. Nylon scrubbing pads and scrubbing powder (like Spic 'n Span) are the next level, and are typically used to remove wax finish from linoleum. Ammonia, likewise, breaks down the wax, making it

easier to remove.

Test these in a small, out of the way area to make sure they're effective and don't scratch or dull the linoleum. Apply mild soap onto the test spot (or pour onto a soft cloth and apply). Immediately scrub with a nylon scrubber pad. Wipe away the suds and compare to the surrounding linoleum. Next, test another spot by dabbing ammonia onto it and letting it sit

for several minutes. Wipe away using a soft cloth or scrub a bit before wiping away, then compare.

Following the tests, scrub the entire floor using the method that works best. If using an ammonia-based cleaner or plain ammonia, work in small sections and keep the area well-ventilated. If your kitchen is large, consider renting a floor cleaner/buffer. A scrubbing pad attachment will strip away the finish and any built-up dirt and residue.

Next, clean the floor using a mild cleaner and cool water, then rinse well. Tackle any remaining yellowed spots with a scrubbing pad and more cleaner, and rinse.

Because scrubbing usually strips away the old finish, you'll need to refinish the linoleum. Fortunately this can be done pretty easily. Purchase a quality liquid floor wax (specifically for linoleum floors) at your home-improvement or flooring store. Apply evenly to a dry floor using a soft cloth or rag mop (one you won't use on anything else). Let dry completely, and then add a second coat. If you rented a floor cleaner/buffer, buff the newly waxed linoleum once the second coat is dry. Wait at least a full day before washing the floor with cool water and mild soap.

HOME TIP: Ammonia softens and dulls linoleum finishes and vinyl floors, so avoid using ammonia-based products for everyday floor cleaning.

Send your questions or home tips to ask@thisisahammer.com.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

† Antonia Babauta Blas

Affectionately known as "NONANG/TONA"
November 24, 1953 – October 02, 2014

was called to her Eternal Rest on Thursday October 02, 2014 at the age of 60.

In her new life, †Antonia now joins her:
Father: †Roberto San Nicolas Babauta
Parents in Law: †Juan Santos and Ana Pangelinan Blas
Brother & Sisters in law: †Rosa Castro Blas, †Isabelle Rios, †Eleno G. Valdez

The Love and Blessings of her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:
Husband: Manuel Pangelinan Blas
Mother: Trinidad Manalo Babauta

Children and Spouses:
John B. & Cecilia Blas (Hope Antoinette)
Michael B. Blas & Rebecca R. Agulto (Remaica, Mira)
Thomas B. Blas & Heather Marie Castro (Manuel John, Etriana Marie, Tormaica Marie)
Trini Ann B. & Nathan Sasamoto (Narinany Faith, Clayton John)
Jocelyn Marie B. & Luke D. Pascua (Devin Noel, Jacob Antonio, Hannah)
Manuel JR. & Chika Kato Blas

Brothers and Sisters:
 Augusta B. & Reynaldo Deleon Guerrero and Children
 Doris B. & Edward Pua and Children
 Barbara M. & William Mennel and Children
 Robert M. Joy Babauta and Children
 Robert JR. M. & Soledad Babauta & Children
 Eugene M. and Angela L. Babauta and Children
 Jesse M. & Alyssa Babauta and Children
 Trini Ann M. Babauta & Chad Smith and Children

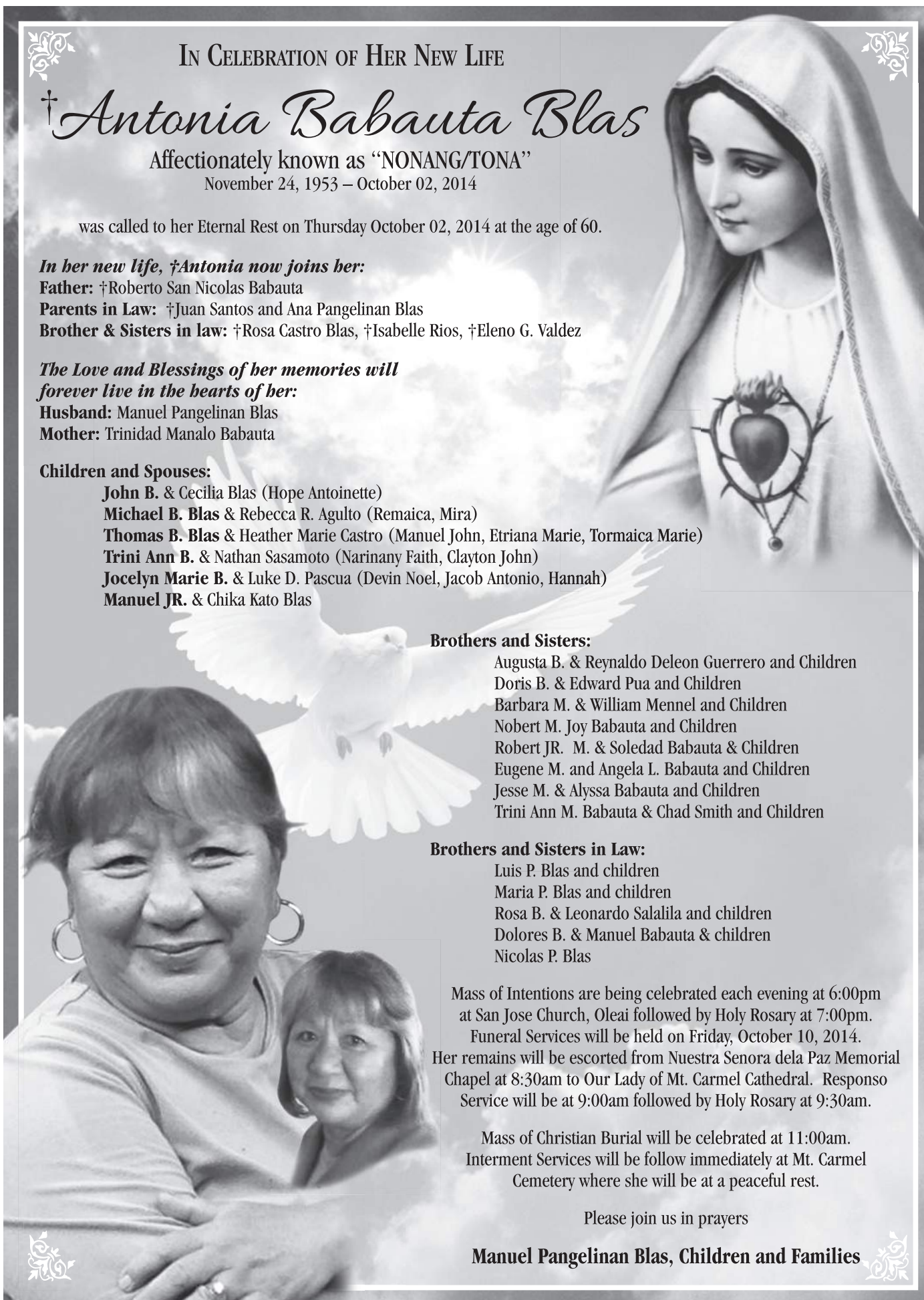
Brothers and Sisters in Law:
 Luis P. Blas and children
 Maria P. Blas and children
 Rosa B. & Leonardo Salalila and children
 Dolores B. & Manuel Babauta & children
 Nicolas P. Blas

Mass of Intentions are being celebrated each evening at 6:00pm at San Jose Church, Oleai followed by Holy Rosary at 7:00pm.
 Funeral Services will be held on Friday, October 10, 2014.
 Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 8:30am to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service will be at 9:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 9:30am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am.
 Interment Services will be follow immediately at Mt. Carmel Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers

Manuel Pangelinan Blas, Children and Families



Life & Style

Billionaires' artworks headed to auction



This undated photo provided by Sotheby's shows Andy Warhol's "A Group of Four Portraits of Sao Schlumberger," Sotheby's predicts the 1974 acrylic and silkscreen ink on canvas, from the collection of renowned art benefactors Pierre and Sao Schlumberger, could be \$2-3 million when it is auctioned in November.

NEW YORK (AP)—Ninety modern and contemporary artworks, including a rare Mark Rothko painting, from the collection of the renowned art benefactors Pierre and Sao Schlumberger could realize \$85 million at the fall art auctions next month.

"No. 21 (Red, Brown, Black and Orange)" has never been auctioned before and was purchased by the Schlumbergers directly from Rothko's estate, Sotheby's said Monday.

The work "could easily achieve a price in excess of \$50 million," said Oliver Barker, deputy chairman of Sotheby's Europe, calling it "among the finest examples of the artist's work remaining in private hands."

The painting was first exhibited in the seminal exhibition "15 Americans" at the Museum of Modern Art in New York in

1952, a year after it was created. It has not been exhibited since a traveling retrospective of Rothko's work in 1971-72.

The current Rothko auction record is \$86.8 million for "Orange, Red, Yellow."

Among other highlights is Andy Warhol's 1974 "A group of Four Portraits of Sao Schlumberger," estimated between \$2 million and \$3 million.

Both works are scheduled to be sold on Nov. 11.

The remaining works are being sold by the Schlumberger family during Sotheby's impressionist and modern and contemporary art day and evening sales on Nov. 4-5 and Nov. 11-12.

Schlumberger died in 1986; his wife passed away in 2007.

By the time Schlumberger married in 1961, the oil billionaire had already amassed

important works by modern masters including Henri Matisse and Pierre Bonnard. His wife expanded the collection to include such contemporary artists as Rothko, Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg and Ad Reinhardt. The couple developed close personal relationships with many of the artists.

The Schlumbergers were central figures in New York and Parisian society who helped fund the restoration of Versailles. They were patrons of the Pompidou Center, The Museum of Fine Arts in Houston and the Museum of Modern Art and Lincoln Center in New York. They also were the first patrons to commission Warhol for a silkscreen portrait.

"Pierre and Sao Schlumberger belonged to one of the most important collecting dynasties of all time, but their vision was entirely their own: a unique aesthetic that blended their European roots with their American experience," said Barker.

Poehler tour will include Seth Meyers interview

NEW YORK (AP)—Amy Poehler will have some celebrity friends and her high school English teacher on hand for her upcoming book tour.

HarperCollins Publishers imprint Dey Street Books said Monday the star of "Parks and Recreation" has four appearances planned to promote her memoir "Yes Please."


After an Oct. 27 reading at Barnes & Noble in New York

City's Union Square, Poehler will speak with former "Saturday Night Live" colleague Seth Meyers uptown at the 92nd Street Y on Oct. 28, the day the book comes out. Norman Lear will join her at the University of California, Los Angeles on Nov. 8. Poehler will chat with her former teacher Kathy Dalton at Boston's



Poehler

Back Bay Events Center on Oct. 29.



First Year Death Anniversary

In Loving Memory of

†Jesus Igisomar Wabol

Lovingly known as "Jess"

We, the family of the late †Jesus Igisomar Wabol would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the first year death anniversary of our beloved unto eternal life.

Mass of Intention will be celebrated at the St. Jude Church in Koblerville on the following dates and time:

October 2, 2014 (Thursday)	: 6:00 p.m.
October 3, 2014 (Friday)	: 6:00 p.m.
October 4, 2014 (Saturday)	: 7:00 a.m.
October 5, 2014 (Sunday)	: 8:00 a.m.
October 6, 2014 (Monday)	: 6:00 p.m.
October 7, 2014 (Tuesday)	: 6:00 p.m.
October 8, 2014 (Wednesday)	: 6:00 p.m.
October 9, 2014 (Thursday)	: 6:00 p.m.

On the final day, Friday, October 10, 2014, Rosary will be said at 5:15 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Jude Church. Dinner will be served immediately after the mass at the family residence in Fina Sis.

Your prayers and presence are greatly appreciated.

Olomwaay - Si Yu'us Ma'ase - Thank You

The Family

We remember. We celebrate. We believe.



†ROSARIO BENAVENTE ALDAN
October 4, 1948 – October 14, 2013
1st Death Anniversary



†JUAN DELEON GUERRERO DEMAPAN
February 6, 1945 – March 11, 1994
20th Death Anniversary

As we come together to celebrate the eternal lives of our loved ones, **†Rosario and †Juan**, we invite you to join us in prayer at the nightly Mass celebrated at San Vicente Parish Church at 6:00pm beginning Monday, October 6th until Tuesday, October 14th.

Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase' and Thank You from our Family

Grant Gustin suits up as 'The Flash' in new series

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—When Grant Gustin found out he got the role of a lifetime, the lead of The CW series "The Flash" (Tuesday at 8 p.m. EDT) as Barry Allen, a young man who gets struck by lightning and becomes the fastest person alive, his wait to begin shooting was anything but quick. It was a good nine months before he would suit up and head to set.

"I'm glad I didn't break a

leg or something," joked the 24-year-old Virginia native in an interview.

TV viewers got a sampling of Gustin as Allen last year, when he appeared in two episodes of The CW's "Arrow" (before his character becomes "The Flash.")

That in itself was a big deal.

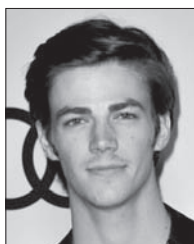
"It was the most scene work I had ever gotten to do on camera. Even though I was guest-starring it felt like a big role already.

It was really cool, really cool," athlete. I stopped doing any

Prior to "The Flash," he was best known for a recurring role on Fox's "Glee," playing a high school student in a rival glee club.

Gustin believes his dance background helped him land the role of Allen.

"I don't run like any type of



Gustin

organized sports at 10 and started dancing. I'm athletic but in a dancer way," he explained. He's also "naturally lean" and now works to keep his endurance up so he can run on a treadmill in front of a green screen for running shots in "The Flash."

The casting process was

a long one. He had "about six auditions over a couple months ... including the testing process." He didn't feel confident until he started researching and discovered similarities to actor John Wesley Shipp, who played "The Flash" on CBS for one season in 1990. (Shipp plays Gustin's father in The CW version.)

"We're both from Northwest Virginia and our birthdays are like days apart. (That's when)

I started putting it out into the universe that I would get the part."

Once he did, he realized "'Oh my God, I just booked this. Now I'm gonna have to go do it!'"

Putting on the costume has been a treat.

"I've literally laughed because I'm wearing it, I've taken so many hilarious selfies that nobody will ever get to see because I would get in trouble," Gustin said.

By DAVID FISCHER
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MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—I like to think of myself as relatively quick-witted, but I started having serious doubts about my cleverness as I stood handcuffed to my new Russian friend, trying get out of a prison cell.

It wasn't a real prison cell, which is why I wasn't having a panic attack. But the handcuffs were real, and being chained to another person while searching a small room for keys and clues as a clock ticked down became frustrating pretty quickly.

Believe it or not, this was all part of a game. Real-life room escape attractions began opening nearly a decade ago in Asia and Eastern Europe, but they've been popping up in North America over the past few years. The attractions trace their origins back to escape-the-room video games, where players were trapped and forced to use clues and objects in their surroundings to get out. Now that concept has moved into the real world.

Escape the Quest opened in Miami Beach in July. They offer two games—Apartment 101 and Prison Escape—with Mental Hospital coming soon. Groups of two to four have an hour to solve the puzzle and

Room escape attractions growing in the United States

win their freedom. I participated in Prison Escape, joining a group of expat Russians in their mid-20s—Alex Belousov, Konstantin Elizarov and Lucy

Omelchenko—who moved to South Florida within the past two years. Their English was heavily accented, and my Russian is nonexistent, adding a

language barrier to a challenge that only about 20 percent of groups complete successfully, according to Escape the Quest manager Yuliya Pashkevich.

As Konstantin later remarked, "You don't understand us, and we understand 50 percent of yours."

So we were off to a good start.



In this Sept. 22, 2014 photo, Konstantin Elizarov, Lucy Omelchenko, and Alex Belousov pose for photos in prison garb after they played a game at Escape the Quest in Miami Beach, Fla. Escape the Quest offers two games; Apartment 101 and Prison Escape, where groups of two to four have an hour to solve a puzzle and win their freedom.

To begin, Pashkevich explained that Prison Escape actually includes two rooms and that my new friends and I would be paired off, one pair locked in each room. We would first have to get all four into one room and then all escape together. Alex spoke the best English, so he went with me. We were all handcuffed to our partners and locked in our cells.

I promised Pashkevich I wouldn't give away any secrets, but I will say Alex and I did eventually find a handcuff key, probably much later than we should have. By working with Konstantin and Lucy through a wall, we even managed to get them into our room. And by briefly speaking in their native tongue, Alex and Konstantin figured out a math riddle that set us free with about 5 minutes to spare. I felt useless at that final math part, but even the third-string quarterback gets a ring when his team wins the Super Bowl, so I'm counting it as a win.

After escaping, Alex, Konstantin and Lucy donned old-timey, black-and-white prisoner outfits for a photo op. They agreed they had fun and that it was a unique experience they'd recommend to others.

"It was the first time seeing something like this," Konstantin said. "It was very good."

Betty Halbreich talks closets, mirrors in new book

NEW YORK (AP)—Clothes and how to wear them have been a constant in Betty Halbreich's life for most of her 86 years.

Good thing she landed a job at Bergdorf Goodman as a personal shopper nearly four decades ago.

The opportunity couldn't have been better timed. She was fresh out of a mental hospital after a breakdown following her split with her husband. She had found herself alone in his city—it wasn't hers—for the first time and needed a reason to get out of bed.

Fashion and style loomed large in her proper upbringing as a lonely only child in Chicago. At the famed department store, it was the thing that saved her life. But with age, she's made a few changes, particularly when

it comes to her relationship with clothes.

"I've loved clothes all of my life. I don't love them personally anymore. It's more of a job. Today it's like whatever's in the closet," the blunt-spoken Halbreich said by phone in a recent interview.

Dressing "correctly" has always come easy for Halbreich, especially under the watchful eye of her fastidious mother, so sharing that love by dressing others is about the only job she could have imagined.

Halbreich, with two grown children and three grandchildren, is remarkably still on the job, pulling looks for clients from the racks at Bergdorf and posing them in front of her unforgiving three-way mirror in the Solutions Department.

She lays out her life in a new

book, "I'll Drink to That: A Life in Style with a Twist," co-written by Rebecca Paley and released in September by Penguin Press.

A conversation with Betty Halbreich:

AP: Closets have always been a source of comfort to you. They've played a huge role in your life.

Halbreich: They're my playhouse, like my dollhouse when I was growing up. I can get up in the middle of the night and start doing them. I live in eight rooms. I have 12 closets. I just keep rearranging all the retro clothes backward and forward.

Closets and keeping them neat are like a hobby. It's really going back to my childhood. I've had enough psychiatry to tell you.

AP: You have an odd relationship with mirrors. You're surrounded by them all day long at the store.

Halbreich: I do have an odd relationship. My mirror is so terrible at home that when I see myself in a better mirror when I come to work I say, "My God, Betty. Turn up the lights. Don't walk out in the morning looking like a shadow."

But clients, I teach how to look in the mirror. It's so interesting. It's a reversal. It's psychological. I've always had a fight with mirrors. I've never liked a mirror image. I've never really liked who I was, you know. I like who I am today because I'm more comfortable.

AP: How do you train somebody to like their image in the mirror?

Halbreich: My mirrors are three-way and most women do not like that three-way mirror thrown at them, where you see your rear end, and you see your side view. But if they're really enamored of some beautiful piece of clothing it works.

I know what looks good on

them the minute they put it on. Look, 37 years of this stupid job, if I don't know that it doesn't look good on them I should really leave.

AP: So you don't live, eat and breathe fashion and shopping?

Halbreich: When I leave the store I try to live another life. I don't talk about clothes. I haven't been in Saks since they put the escalator in (that would be 1979). Maybe I'll have to go to Bloomingdale's to buy a pillowcase, but I don't tread in other stores. I find it extremely boring. It's like eating too much candy.

I don't want to bring it home. I'm really not interested.

AP: Have you ever dressed Lena Dunham? She's developing a TV series inspired by you and your book.

Halbreich: Absolutely with a great big N.O. Never. Never attempted to. Never talked about it. I usually put my arm around her and I'll say, "What

is all of that?" I think a lot of it's done tongue in cheek, and I approve of it. And I wouldn't touch it with a 10-foot pole.

We're going to have such a good time together if we ever get on with this, whatever we're doing. I feel like she's my other child. We're soul mates in a strange way. We've suffered through some of the same things. We think a lot alike. She's sweeter than I am.

AP: You appeared in last year's documentary "Scatter My Ashes at Bergdorf's." Where would you like your ashes scattered?

Halbreich: I'd like my son, who loves Chicago like I do, to take them back. I was back there recently. I felt like I've never left it, or why did I leave it? You really can go home again. So I would like them to be scattered there. Or flushed. Either way.

AP: But not Bergdorf's?

Halbreich: Are you crazy? I don't think they'd have them.



Halbreich

Lady Gaga, Tony Bennett set for new year's duet

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett are set to take the stage at The Cosmopolitan casino on New Year's Eve for their first show together in the U.S. since they released a joint album late last month.

The Las Vegas Strip resort announced Monday that the 28-year-old pop superstar and the 88-year-old jazz crooner will ring in the new year with jazz standards from their album "Cheek to Cheek."

"I can't wait to kick off 2015 'cheek to cheek' with the legendary Mr. Tony Bennett," Lady Gaga said in a statement. "New Year's celebrations are about cherishing family, friendship, and the future—three things this man has taught me much about."

Tickets for the show go on sale Friday.

Las Vegas welcomes more than 300,000 visitors each New Year's Eve holiday, and casinos step up with top-tier



This undated photo provided by The Cosmopolitan casino shows pop superstar Lady Gaga and jazz crooner Tony Bennett.

music acts, world-renowned DJs and an elaborate fireworks show.

Bringing in Bennett and Lady Gaga is an effort to dis-

tinguish the resort during a highly competitive time in the market, according to The Cosmopolitan's chief marketing officer, Lisa Marchese.

"We wanted to one-up ourselves for what people can expect," she said. "It's such an unexpected mashup—you just want to see it."

'Modern Family' actress granted restraining order

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Modern Family" actress Sarah Hyland's ex-boyfriend has been ordered to stay away from

the actress and not contact her for three years.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Andrea Thompson

granted Hyland the protection from actor Matt Prokop on Thursday.

A hearing on Hyland's request for a stay-away order had been scheduled for Friday, but Prokop did not contest the order.

The 23-year-old actress accused Prokop of choking her and threatening her during their relationship, which ended in August.

Hyland didn't report the incidents to police and Prokop has not been criminally charged.

Prokop co-starred with Hyland in the TV movie "Geek Charming" and appeared in one episode of "Modern Family." He also appeared in "High School Musical 3."

A phone message seeking comment was left for Prokop's lawyer, Joseph Singleton.

Nobel literature prize to be announced Thursday

STOCKHOLM (AP)—The panel that awards the Nobel Prize in literature says it will announce the winner of the 2014 award on Thursday.

The Swedish Academy by tradition is the last of the Nobel Prize-awarding institutions to confirm the date of the announcement.

The 2014 Nobel Prize announcements start Monday with the medicine prize and end Oct. 13 with the award in economics.

Each prize is worth 8 million Swedish kronor, or about \$1.1 million. The awards will be handed out on Dec. 10, the anniversary of the 1896 death of prize creator Alfred Nobel.

Crystal, Guest provide audio for Elwes book

NEW YORK (AP)—Cary Elwes had help from some old friends for the audio of his memoir "As You Wish: Inconceivable Tales from the Making of The Princess Bride."

Among the friends, announced Monday by Simon & Schuster Audio: Billy Crystal, Christopher Guest and Robin Wright. All were his co-stars in the 1987 box office favorite.

Director Rob Reiner and producer Norman Lear also provided narration.

"As You Wish" comes out Oct. 14 in hardcover, e-book and audio editions. The 51-year-old British actor also has appeared in the movies "Bram Stoker's Dracula" and "Twister" and in the television series "The X-Files."

OBITUARIES

Geoffrey Holder, director and actor, dies at 84

NEW YORK (AP)—Geoffrey Holder, a Tony Award-winning director, actor, painter, dancer and choreographer who during an eclectic show business career led the groundbreaking show "The Wiz" to Broadway, pitched 7-Up on TV and played a scary villain in a James Bond film, has died. He was 84. Holder died Sunday of complications of pneumonia at Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospital in New York, according to Anna Glass, a producer and family friend. The 6-foot-6, Trinidad-born Holder won Tonys in 1975 for directing and designing the costumes for his all-black retelling of "The Wizard of Oz." In 1978, he directed and choreographed the lavish Broadway musical "Timbuktu!" starring Eartha Kitt and earned another Tony nomination for best costumes. On TV, Holder played roles on TV's "Tarzan," voiced the leader on the PBS Kids animated show "Cyberchase" and pitched 7-Up as "the un-cola" in a commercial in which he wore a white suit and hat, purring "maaarvelous" as he drank the soda. During 1955 and 1956, Holder was a principal dancer with the Metropolitan Opera Ballet in New York.

Tony Award-winning actress Marian Seldes dies

NEW YORK (AP)—Actress Marian Seldes, the Tony Award-winning star of "A Delicate Balance" who was a teacher of Kevin Kline and Robin Williams, a muse to playwright Edward Albee and a Guinness Book of World Records holder for most consecutive performances, died Monday at age 86. She died peacefully at her home after an extended illness, her brother Timothy Seldes said. "It is with deep sadness that I share the news that my dear sister Marian Seldes has died," he said in a statement. "She was an extraordinary woman whose great love of the theater, teaching and acting was surpassed only by her deep love for her family." Marian Seldes made her Broadway debut in 1947 in a production of "Medea," starring the versatile actress Judith Anderson, and later appeared in hits such as "Equus" and "Deathtrap." Her most recent Broadway outing was in Terrence McNally's "Deuce" in 2007, starring opposite Angela Lansbury. Seldes was nominated for a Tony five times, for her performances in "A Delicate Balance," "Father's Day," "Deathtrap," "Ring Round the Moon" and "Dinner at Eight." She won in 1967 for "A Delicate Balance" and won her second Tony in 2010 for lifetime achievement.



In this Jan. 27, 2013 file photo, actress Sarah Hyland, right, and Matt Prokop arrive at the 19th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Woman who suspects abuse should resist accusations

DEAR ABBY: When I was 10, I faked an injury so I could quit playing soccer. I couldn't articulate why the coach, who was clean-cut, friendly and fair, made me uneasy. After he died a few years ago, it came out that he had molested dozens of girls.

Over the subsequent 20 years, those same instincts have screamed at me three more times—and twice I was proven correct. The third man to set off this alarm is in my social circle, along with his wife. Several of the couples in our group are starting families.

I feel like I'm in a terrible position. Should I say something and risk destroying an innocent man's reputation and the group dynamic, or remain silent and risk the kids being around a predator? I don't have a shred of evidence, just a gut-punch feeling.

I never said anything about the prior abusers, but I don't sleep well wondering if I should have—even if it was based solely on a sixth sense. What should I do?

NOSE LIKE A BLOODHOUND

DEAR NOSE: Child molesters belong to every race, both sexes, and come in various age ranges. The problem with criminals of every sort—child abusers and con men included—is they look like the rest of us.

I'm sorry you're having sleep problems, but the solution to them is NOT to accuse someone about whom you have no proof. To falsely accuse him could destroy both of you, and I

don't recommend it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm struggling in my marriage. I have asked my husband to treat me as an equal, but it falls on deaf ears. I work part-time, attend school full-time and care for our two children, basically on my own. I pay for almost everything. If I'm broke, he'll pay one of the smaller bills.

He refuses to help with any of the housework, and he has the freedom to go when and where he pleases. I'm only allowed to go to school or work; otherwise I must take the kids with me. He's very controlling and, in the past, when I have threatened to leave, he said he would kill himself. He is verbally and emotionally abusive.

I no longer love him and want a divorce, but I'm scared of what he'll do if I ask for one. I don't know what he is capable of. The stress has taken a toll on me. I'm depressed, angry and bitter. I wish the kids and I could simply disappear, but that's not an option, nor healthy.

Is there an easy way to ask for a divorce, or somewhere I could turn for help? Is there financial help where someone could help pay for a divorce?

WANTS TO DISAPPEAR

DEAR WANTS TO DISAPPEAR: There is no easy way to ask a spouse for a divorce, particularly one who is control-

DEAR ABBY

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ling and verbally abusive. If you are worried about him killing himself, please don't. From your description, he is too selfish and self-centered ever to do that.

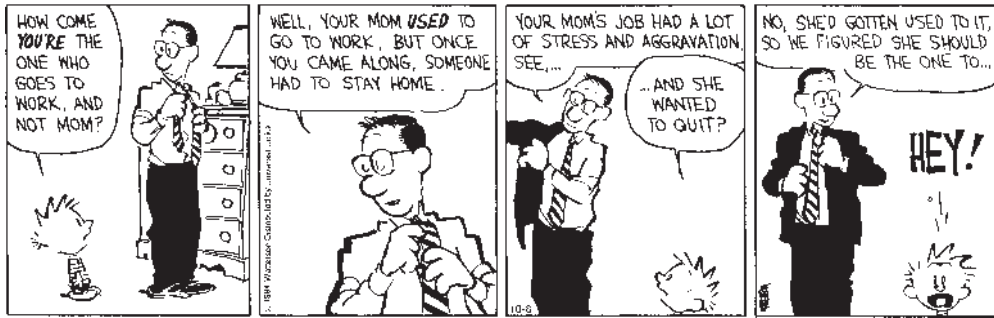
Because I know of no individuals or organizations that pay for people's divorces, talk to your family and see if one or more of your close relatives is willing to help. However, if you are afraid that your husband might harm you, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline. The phone number is 800-799-7233. Its counselors can help you form an exit strategy.

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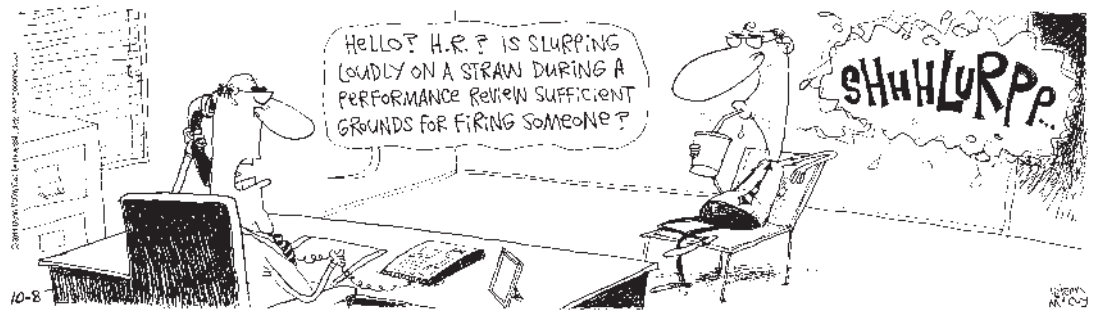
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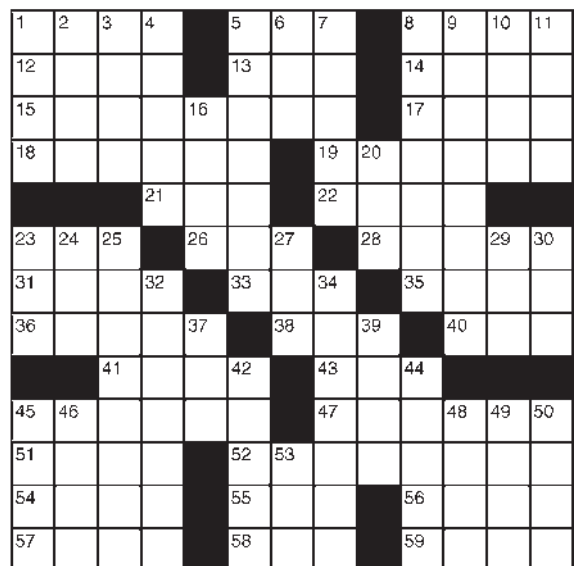
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Yesterday's answer 10-8



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Happy Birthday: Jump into action and don't stop until you reach your destination. This is a year of accomplishment, both personal and professional. Put your energy into your dreams and take advantage of any opportunity to call in favors or reconnect with people you feel can contribute or influence your future positively. Love is highlighted and a promise can be made. Your numbers are 5, 19, 26, 30, 35, 43, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Difficulties will sprout up if you let your emotions run wild. Unexpected circumstances will lead to meeting an eccentric individual with something interesting to offer. Don't judge too quickly; there is an extraordinary lesson and benefit from this encounter. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep your private matters a secret. Sharing something with someone you work with will eventually hurt your chance to advance. Focus on listening and gathering information that will enable you to secure a good position. Don't spend, save. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Network with people in powerful positions and you will get the chance to show off what you have to offer. Romance is your ticket to a better personal relationship and standard of living. Keep an open mind and enjoy the youthful energy. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Protect your home, your possessions and your

physical and emotional well-being. Get together with friends who enjoy the same activities that you do. Stabilizing your future can be as easy as taking an unusual interesting course. Let your creative imagination lead the way. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel and interacting with people who interest you will bring positive opportunities for future prospects. Don't let negative influences put a damper on your day. Keep your eyes, ears and heart open, and an unexpected situation will lead to a new beginning. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make adjustments at home that will ease financial stress. Research coupled with shopping for a bargain will help you cut your costs and maintain a sustainable environment. Discuss your plans and you will get the support you need to move forward. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't give in to demands. Protect what you have worked so hard to achieve. Express your intentions with color and passion. A change of location will lead to good fortune. Call in favors and follow through. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make unusual alterations to your home or to the way or where you live. A creative idea you have should be developed. You are best to keep your overhead down and stick to basics until you are in a position to spend without concern. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put more effort into getting ahead personally and professionally. What you do for others now will pay off later. Changes to your love

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life or a partnership are apparent. An upbeat approach to whatever you do in unison will bring good results. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Maintain a low profile. Keep your ideas and plans a secret until you are fully prepared to present what you have to offer with confidence. Expect opposition and interference from friends, family or your peers. Proceed with caution. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on legal, financial and medical issues and you will make headway. Look for positive professional opportunities and you will find a new way to raise your standard of living. Romance will improve your personal life. ★★★★★

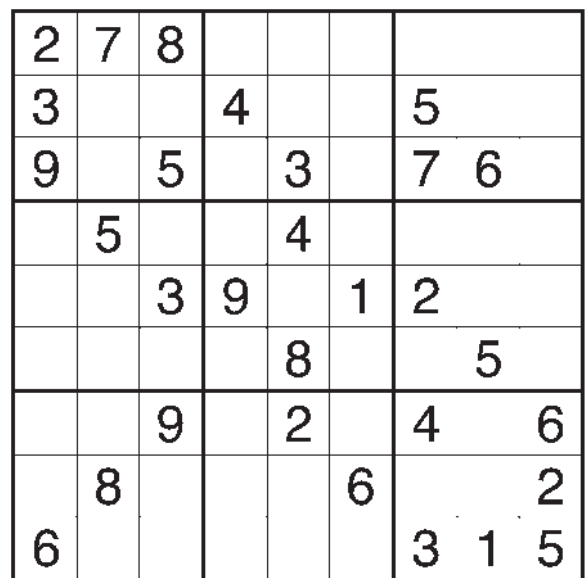
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Accept the inevitable and keep moving forward. Revamp your plans and secure your assets. Don't let an incident lead to a no-win situation. Arguing will not resolve matters. Focus on your gains, not what others do. ★★★

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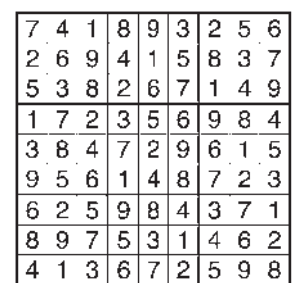


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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Lackey, long balls lift Cards over Dodgers



St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher John Lackey throws a pitch during the first inning of Game 3 of baseball's NL Division Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers, Monday, Oct. 6, 2014, in St. Louis.



ST. LOUIS (AP)—John Lackey was just as advertised for the St.

Louis Cardinals. Their postseason power surge has been a big surprise.

Kolten Wong hit a two-run homer to snap a seventh-inning tie, Matt Carpenter went deep for the third straight game and Lackey pitched St. Louis past the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-1 Monday night to give the Cardinals a 2-1 lead in their best-of-five NL Division Series.

"Well, we just kind of knew what we were going to get," St. Louis manager Mike Matheny said. "He wants the ball. He proves it by how he goes out and throws."

Facing elimination in St. Louis for the second consecutive postseason, the Dodgers will turn to ace Clayton Kershaw on short rest Tuesday night in Game 4. Shelby Miller makes his first playoff start for the Cardinals, one win from a fourth straight trip to the NL Championship Series.

The Cardinals finished off Los Angeles in a six-game NLCS last fall, knocking out Kershaw in the fifth inning of a 9-0 blowout in the final game.

Two runners reached against Trevor Rosenthal in the ninth before he earned his second save of the series - with an assist from the grounds crew on a rainy night.

Rosenthal said he was unable to get his footing, missing badly on consecutive pitches to Juan Uribe, before the grounds crew applied a drying agent and raked the mound. The right-hander then threw a pair of practice pitches and regained his stride, retiring the next two batters on flies to right for his sixth career postseason save.

Hanley Ramirez had three of the Dodgers' seven hits, including an RBI double in the sixth.

Lackey, acquired from Boston at the trade deadline, gave up five hits in seven innings with eight strikeouts. The veteran right-hander improved to 7-5 in postseason play, including three wins for Boston last year - one against St. Louis in the World Series.

Asked what made the 35-year-old Lackey so tough, Dodgers manager Don Mattingly mentioned plate umpire Dale Scott.

"I thought Dale was very generous," Mattingly said. "We had a lot of guys complaining about the strike zone. We felt like he was really generous, and that puts you in a bind."

"You can't go too far with it, but really generous."

Hyun-Jin Ryu pitched six solid innings for the Dodgers in his first start since a shoulder injury on Sept. 12.

"Pretty amazing, a guy can be off that long and be that sharp," Mattingly said. "He settled down and went farther than we thought."

St. Louis hit 105 homers in the regular season, the second-lowest total in the majors, ahead of only Kansas City. But the Cardinals have shown plenty of power in the playoffs.

Carpenter connected in the third and then Wong, the rookie second baseman who was picked off to end a World Series loss against Boston last year, hit a two-run shot off loser Scott Elbert to put the Cardinals ahead 3-1.

"The season is so long. I never anticipated how long a full major league season is," Wong said. "Just ups and downs of not producing and getting hurt really struck me hard this year, but all in all it was a great year."

I learned a lot and I'm just excited to be here right now."

Carpenter and Albert Pujols are the only Cardinals players to homer in three consecutive postseason games. Pujols did it in 2004, the first two in the NL Division Series and the third in the NLCS.

Heavy rain fell briefly in the bottom of the seventh, when Molina greeted Elbert with a double for his second hit. Molina advanced on a sacrifice before Wong drove the next pitch into the Cardinals' bullpen in right-center.

Carpenter had eight homers in the regular season and had never connected in consecutive games before these playoffs. He hammered a 1-2 pitch from Ryu over the right-center wall leading off the third.

Yasiel Puig struck out in seven consecutive at-bats before hitting a leadoff triple in the sixth. Lackey almost got out of it, getting Adrian Gonzalez on a fly to shallow left and striking out Matt Kemp before Ramirez doubled to tie it.

The crowd of 47,574 was the largest for a baseball game at 9-year-old Busch Stadium, topped only by 48,263 for a soccer friendly between Manchester City and Chelsea in May 2013 with seating on the field and in the bullpens.

Before the game, Mattingly announced Kershaw will start Game 4 on three days' rest instead of Dan Haren, the only way Los Angeles has a chance to get two starts apiece in this series out of its twin aces. Zack Greinke would start Game 5 on regular rest in Los Angeles on Thursday night.

Kershaw was 21-3 with a 1.77 ERA this season and is a heavy favorite to win his third NL Cy Young Award in four years, but he blew a 6-1 lead in the Cardinals' 10-9 victory in Game 1.

SIDEBAR

Fister keeps Nationals postseason hopes alive

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Eye black and uniform still on, Bryce Harper emerged from a different kind of fog than typically seen in San Francisco. This was the celebratory stuff from a Nationals victory party, and he had earned it, all right.

Harper screamed out in delight as he crossed the plate with Washington ahead at last. After all those extra innings and a subdued cross-country flight, the Nationals had broken through - with some help from Madison Bumgarner's big blunder.

Doug Fister pitched seven shutout innings and the Nationals capitalized on Bumgarner's one off-target throw, staving off elimination in the NL Division Series with a 4-1 win over the San Francisco Giants on Monday.

"Being able to get that momentum swing to us a little bit is definitely huge," said Harper, who also made a difficult running catch in the gap.

Fister dazzled again in San Francisco, helping the Nationals cut their deficit to 2-1 in the best-of-five series. They ended the Giants' 10-game postseason winning streak that started with Game 5 of the 2012 NL Championship Series against St. Louis.

Washington scored two runs on Bumgarner's throwing error in the seventh inning to end the ace's 22-inning scoreless streak. Harper punctuated the victory with a solo homer in the ninth.

Drew Storen allowed the first two batters to reach in the bottom of the ninth but shook off his postseason struggles, allowing a run in closing it out as Washington forced a Game 4 on Tuesday night.

Now, the 96-win Nationals will send left-hander Gio Gonzalez up against San Francisco right-hander Ryan Vogelsong, hoping to pull out the fog machine they used after wins all season one more time.

"We just needed one break," Storen said. "It's been a tough couple innings here to start and we got our break. It's just a matter of building on it, and we live to see another day."

On a day Bumgarner had been nearly untouchable, his own miscue prevented a three-game sweep.

Bumgarner fielded Wilson Ramos' two-strike sacrifice bunt between the mound and the first-base line and fired to third rather than going for the sure out at first.

"We probably should have taken the out of first. I made a mistake telling him to throw to third," catcher Buster Posey said. "It happens."

Bumgarner's throw sailed wide of Pablo Sandoval's outstretched glove and bounced all the way to the tarp along the left-field wall before rolling over the bullpen mounds where two relievers were warming up.

Sandoval nearly did the splits trying to make the play and stayed down in pain as the two runs scored. Trainers checked on the third baseman and

he remained in the game.

"That was an important play right now. In my mind I was like, 'I have to do it, have to do it,' Ramos said. "For me, that changed the whole game. Bumgarner threw a really good game. Those little things happen in games. If we do the little things, we'll have an opportunity to win this series."

Asdrubal Cabrera followed with an RBI single. He spent the final eight innings watching the Giants' 2-1, 18-inning victory Saturday night after his ejection for arguing a called third strike.

Fister outpitched Bumgarner at AT&T Park for the second time in four months after a June gem, leaving behind the frightening memory of his October outing here in Game 2 of the 2012 World Series. Fister took a line drive to the right side of his head that day - while also opposing Bumgarner - but stayed in the game and carried a shutout into the seventh before Detroit lost 2-0 and was swept.

Fister hardly needed that Japanese good luck figurine that appeared in the NL East champions' dugout Monday morning courtesy of backup catcher Jose Lobaton. The right-hander, who grew up about two hours away in the Central Valley city of Merced, gave up four hits, struck out three and walked three.

Storen, the beleaguered closer who gave up the tying run in Game 2, allowed Brandon Crawford's sacrifice fly in the ninth before finishing the 2-hour, 47-minute game. It was a far cry from Game 2, which took a postseason-record 6:23.

Five days after pitching a four-hitter in an 8-0 wild-card win at Pittsburgh, Bumgarner was on a roll again, this time for the orange towel-waving sellout home crowd of 43,627.

Ian Desmond singled to start the decisive seventh and Harper walked to bring up Ramos, who began the season as the Nationals' cleanup hitter. Harper slid into home for the second run, hopped up and hollered in triumph.

Bumgarner hadn't given up a postseason run since Carlos Beltran homered in the fourth inning of the Giants' Game 1 loss of the 2012 NLCS in St. Louis.

"I thought we probably had a shot," Bumgarner said of playing Ramos' bunt. "We were in a really good spot coming into this one."

Sandoval extended his postseason hitting streak to 14 games with a lead-off single in the second, the longest streak in Giants postseason history and currently in baseball.

Brandon Belt was caught stealing in the fourth, only the second time anyone tried to steal against Fister all year.

Anthony Rendon had two more hits and is 7 for 15 this series, while the rest of the Nationals starters minus the pitcher are 13 for 96 (.135).

Wilson leads penalty-prone Seahawks vs Redskins



LANDOVER, Md. (AP)—

How's this for a frustrating hat trick: Percy Harvin had three touchdowns called back because of penalties.

"Well, the first one I was cool with," he said. "I was like, 'OK.' Then when the second one happened, I was like, 'Wow.' And then when the third one happened I just flipped my hands down. I couldn't believe it."

Were it not for the self-inflicted wounds, the Seattle Seahawks might have had a cakewalk against the Washington Redskins. As it was, they settled for a 27-17 win in a Monday night game flush with "neutral zone infractions," holds, false starts and even a 15-yarder that was called because someone, according to the referee, "hit a player on the ground unnecessarily."

"It could've been a very big night for us," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "We came out flying, but we were just a little bit out of whack."

One player who definitely wasn't out of whack was Russell Wilson, who rushed for a career-high 122 yards and a touchdown and completed 18 of 24 passes for 201 yards with two scores as the Seahawks (3-1) maintained their dominance in games played under the lights. Seattle is an NFL-best 21-8 on Monday nights, including nine wins in a row. The



AP
Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch (24) breaks a tackle by Washington Redskins inside linebacker Perry Riley (56) on his way to a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game in Landover, Md., Monday, Oct. 6, 2014.

"It got to the point where he had a little talk in the huddle," Seattle receiver Doug Baldwin said. "Like, 'We need to get things straight because this is ridiculous.'"

Indeed, the Seahawks recovered from the third overturned TD. Wilson scrambled every which way—and nearly past the line of scrimmage before retreating—and hit Luke Willson for a 19-yard gain, and punter-holder Jon Ryan ran 5 yards on a fake field goal on fourth-and-1. Six plays later, Wilson hit Marshawn Lynch for a 9-yard score to give Seattle a 24-10 lead with 6:31 remaining.

The Redskins pulled within a touchdown on Kirk Cousins' 6-yard pass to Andre Roberts with 3:35 to go, but the Seahawks took the ensuing kickoff and marched back down the field. Wilson converted a third-and-4 with another scramble, evading Ryan Kerrigan and tumbling backward as he found Lynch for a 30-yard gain.

And there was no flag.

"I don't know what the heck happened on that play," Carroll said. "For everybody to be right and not grab somebody or do something wrong in the midst of all the chaos, and we come out of it with about a 40- or 50-yard play or whatever it was, it was phenomenal."

Steven Hauschka then iced the game with a 43-yard field goal with 21 seconds to play.

The Redskins (1-4) punted eight times, and two deep passes to DeSean Jackson accounted for 137 of their 307 total yards.

Cousins completed 21 of 36 passes for 283 yards and dropped to 1-6 in his career as a Redskins starter.

"Overall, as a group offensively, our running game's not quite good enough," Washington coach Jay Gruden said. "Obviously our deep passing game's not quite good enough. We're not quite good enough anywhere."

Notes: Lynch ran for 72 yards on 17 carries and didn't enter the game until the Seahawks' second series. Carroll said Lynch's muscles were tight and needed extra time to get loose. ... Jackson finished with five catches for 157 yards. ... Robert Griffin III missed a third consecutive game with a dislocated left ankle, but he made a cameo appearance before the game, throwing passes to Jordan Reed—who is also injured—on the sideline. ... Washington has dropped seven straight in prime time and is 4-15 on Monday nights since 2000.

team is also 11-1 in prime time under Carroll.

Wilson dazzled throughout, whether it was a designed

run or a scramble out of the pocket. He had rushes of 16, 29, 13 and 22 in the first two drives. He headed for the py-

lon on a clinical zone-read run for a 9-yard score in the second quarter, giving Seattle a 17-0 lead, and pulled off

two incredible run-for-his-life scrambles in the second half after the Redskins threatened to make a game of it.

"It was like he wasn't Superman in the second half," Redskins safety Ryan Clark said. "He was, like, Clark Kent, half-Superman. He still did his thing."

But how bad was the Seahawks' penalty bug? It wasn't until a 4-yard run by Alfred Morris with three minutes left in the first half that the Redskins' total yards (47) passed Seattle's penalty yards (45) for good.

"I just think it's 'Monday Night Football.' You know, the fans are watching and everybody wants to see a good game, so they're going to try to make it as close as possible," Seattle safety Earl Thomas said. "It's a business."

Seattle finished with 13 penalties for 90 yards, and Harvin paid the price. It would have been 21-0 if either of his would-be touchdowns—on back-to-back plays—had counted in the first half. First, his 16-yard run to the end zone was wiped out by holding on left guard James Carpenter, then his 26-yard catch-and-run was negated by a flag for a false start on Harvin himself.

Early in the fourth quarter, Wilson hit a wide-open Harvin for an apparent 41-yard score, but Carpenter was cited again—this time because he blocked a Redskins player who was already on the ground.

Phelps suspended for 6 months after DUI arrest

NEW YORK (AP)—Michael Phelps' comeback took a major hit on Monday, with USA Swimming suspending the 18-time Olympic champion for six months and forcing him to withdraw from next year's world championships.

Phelps also lost six months of funding from the sport's national governing body as a result of his second DUI arrest. The 29-year-old swimmer is banned from participating in USA Swimming-sanctioned meets through April 6, 2015.

USA Swimming said Phelps violated its Code of Conduct, and cited a section of its 2014 Rule Book in punishing him. Its executive committee approved the sanctions, which take effect immediately.

"Michael's conduct was serious and required significant consequences," said Chuck Wielgus, USA Swimming executive director. "We endorse and are here to fully support his personal development actions."

Phelps can still train with his North Baltimore club, but he had already qualified for the world championships in Russia next August, which is the biggest international meet leading up to the 2016 Rio de Janeiro

Olympics.

Phelps came out of retirement earlier this year with his sights set on competing at a fifth Olympics in Rio. Being barred from the world meet could put a serious dent in those ambitions.

His latest arrest came about a month after Phelps won three golds and two silvers at the Pan Pacific Championships in Australia. He had retired after the 2012 London Olympics, having won a record 18 gold medals and 22 medals in four games.

Phelps' monthly funding stipend of \$1,750 will be halted for six months, costing him a total of \$10,500. That is small change compared to the millions he earns through several major endorsements, including Aqua Sphere, Subway, Under Armour, Omega and Master Spas.

"Michael accepts USA Swimming's sanctions," according to a statement from his representatives at Octagon. "He has apologized for his actions and, as he shared yesterday, is taking steps to address them."

Over the weekend, Phelps announced he was entering a six-week, in-patient program,

a week after he was arrested and charged with drunken driving in his hometown of Baltimore.

"Swimming is a major part of my life, but right now I need to focus my attention on me as an individual, and do the necessary work to learn from this experience and make better decisions in the future," he said in a series of posts on his Twitter account.

U.S. Olympic Committee CEO Scott Blackmun said, "We think the sanctions are appropriate and we are glad that Michael is seeking help. We are grateful that nobody was hurt and appreciate the speed at which USA Swimming and Michael took action."

While Phelps was still working out his schedule for the upcoming year, he will miss the first three U.S. Grand Prix meets in Minneapolis in November, Austin, Texas, in January and Orlando, Florida, in February.

The earliest he could return to Grand Prix competition would be at a meet in Mesa, Arizona, that begins April 15.

USA Swimming's punishment was its harshest ever imposed on its superstar. The governing body suspended Phelps

for three months in 2009 after a photo emerged of him using a marijuana pipe, even though he was not charged.

USA Swimming took no action after Phelps' 2004 drunken driving arrest when he was 19.

Phelps was charged on Sept. 30 with driving under the influence, excessive speed and crossing double lane lines on Interstate 95. He registered .14 percent on a blood-alcohol test after he was stopped on a speeding violation; the legal limit is .08 percent in Maryland.

His trial is scheduled for Nov. 19.

If convicted, Phelps faces up to one year in jail, a \$1,000 fine and the loss of his driver's license for six months.

In 2004, Phelps was arrested and charged with drunken driving on Maryland's Eastern Shore, fresh from the Athens Olympics, where he won six gold medals.

Phelps pleaded guilty to the charges, but as a young first-time offender he avoided conviction. A judge imposed 18 months' probation and a fine but waived the conviction, which means Phelps now faces the same penalties a first-time offender would.

Saints hammer Ol'Aces in BANMI U18 league

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The Chalan Kanoa Saints showed no mercy

against the Ol'Aces, waltzing to a 57-35 victory in the U18 division game in the 2014 BANMI Youth League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Coming off a 41-58 debut loss to Kentucky Fried Chicken, the Saints vented their ire on the Ol'Aces to make it to the win column of the nine-team field. The Ol'Aces got their second defeat in as many games.

The Saints posted the 22-point winning margin after showing their might in the second quarter, which started with the Ol'Aces still ahead, 12-9. The Saints more than doubled up the Ol'Aces in the pivotal second period, 21-9, to take a 30-17 halftime edge.

Mike Espinosa led the Saints' second-quarter uprising and drew a lot of support from his teammates. Espinosa scored 8 of his 14 markers in that period, while five of his teammates also hit the board to turn the three-point deficit to a 13-point lead after the first 20 minutes of play.

The Ol'Aces lost the driver's seat after the first half, as they scored only two field goals off Kenny Abobo and Dennis Moses's baskets and a free throw from Julian Lampkin. The Ol'Aces then failed to regain the upper hand in the third period, as they only matched the Saints' output, 10-10. Both teams drilled only four field goals and knocked in two free throws, allowing the Saints to keep their double-digit spread, 40-27, entering the fourth quarter.

In the final frame, the



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A Chalan Kanoa Saints player pulls up for a corner jumper against a KFC defender during their debut game in the U18 division of the BANMI youth caging last month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Ol'Aces were also limited to four field goals, while the Saints had a better shooting percentage to ease past their foes.

Meanwhile, action in the BANMI youth caging resumes

today after matches last Monday and Tuesday were called off because of the cancellation of classes and the typhoon. The lone U21 division game today at 5:30pm will pit the Sonics

against the G-Rollers.

The Sonics are in a tie for second place with the Kag-

man Sparks, and KFC, as they hold identical 2-1 records. The Ol'Aces lead the eight-team field with their perfect 3-0 mark, while the G-Rollers are at the bottom half of the standings with their 0-2 slate. Dream Team (1-1), Star Magic (1-2), and Laly 4 (0-3) complete the division.

In the U18 division, the Ol'Aces will play their third game of the season tomorrow as they collide against the Rollers B, which is also winless after two matches. One more U18 match will take place this week with Tinian dueling KFC

at 5:30pm. In the second game this Friday at 6:30pm, KFC's U21 squad will meet the Kagman Sparks.

Saints 57 — Espinosa 14, Jones 9, Nakashima 8, Fidelino 6, Pangelinan 4, B. Floresca 4, Omengkar 2, Pialug 2, C. Floresca 2, Reyes 2.

Ol'Aces 35 — Kabiriel 6, Castillo 5, Moses 4, Olopai 4, Lampkin 2, Olaitiman 2, Ermitanio 2, Peter 2, Anderson 2, Cristobal 2.

Scoring by quarters: 9-12, 30-17, 40-27, 57-36.

Faried agrees to \$60M extension with Nuggets



Denver Nuggets forward Kenneth Faried has reached agreement on a five-year, \$60 million contract extension.

Faried is part of the 2011 NBA draft class eligible for extensions until Oct. 31.

The deal includes a partial guarantee in the fifth year that assures Faried he will make no less than \$52 million over the life of the contract, sources said.

Denver general manager Tim Connelly and Faried's agent, Thad Foucher of Wasserman Media Group, started to seriously exchange proposals in the past week and ultimately came to terms on a deal Sunday night.

Faried has developed into one of the NBA's most relentless talents, a fierce rebounder and defender who has excelled offensively for the Nuggets

when the game is speeded up. Faried played an integral part of the United States national team's gold-medal performance in the 2014 World Cup of Basketball in Spain.

Several other members of the 2011 draft class are negotiating extensions with their teams, including Golden State's Klay Thompson, San Antonio's Kawhi Leonard, Chicago's Jimmy Butler and Utah's Alec Burks and Enes Kanter.

Faried, 24, is a tremendous success story in the NBA. As a 6-foot-8 post player out of mid-major Morehead State, Faried transformed himself from the 22nd overall pick in the 2011 draft into an integral part of the Nuggets' long-term nucleus.

Faried averaged 13.7 points and 8.6 rebounds last season.

Meanwhile, NBA renewed its deals with ESPN and TNT even though two seasons remain on the old ones.

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earn an NCAA All-Super Region honors and finished 28th overall in the Division II national championships.

Kim also holds the RMAC lowest individual round and tournament scores of 66 and 133, respectively, which she recorded in the Mustang Women's Fall Intercollegiate last Sept.

22 to 23 at the Coldwater Golf Club in Phoenix, Ariz.

The CSU-Pueblo junior is leading the Lady Thunder Wolves in the current RMAC season with an average score of 71.3, while teammate Julie Sanchez notched 76.5 strokes per round to place second. The entire team posted an average round score of 318.2.

In the NCAA Division 2 rankings, Kim holds a 0.25 lead

over Elaine Wood of University of Montevallo, while Tarleton State's Isabelle Jimenez Perea is in third place at 71.60. St. Mary's sophomore Allison Howarth (72.50) and Rebecka Surtevall of Arkansas Tech (72.67) placed fourth and fifth, respectively.

Golfstat Inc. will award the top ranked players and teams in these categories after the spring championships.

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terested in bodybuilding, fitness and health," Davis said.

Other CBF elected officers are secretary Jeanne Rayphand and treasurer Aaron Tomokane

Tarkong, meanwhile, said that Saipan International School teacher Adam Harris is helping them organize the NMW.

"[Harris] has a background in wrestling. He was a wrestler in

high school and in college back in the U.S. We need all the help that we can get," said Tarkong.

"The last time we had wrestling in the CNMI was during the 2006 Micronesian Games. Coach Joe Ocampo initiated the program but it died down. Now we want to bring it back," Tarkong said.

He added that they had already come up with a charter to become a non-profit organization and two more officials were elected to the NMW board.

They were Ocampo and Harris, who are NMW's vice president and treasurer, respectively.

Wrestling is an Olympic sport that has two events—freestyle and Greco-Roman—and many medals are at stake in every competition, as it has different weight classes. It is a combat sport that has grappling, takedowns, and joint locks as techniques.

In other news, Tarkong said that KC Conner is also planning to introduce judo in the CNMI.

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with CUC gambling on giving up fouls to overhaul the seven-point deficit, 62-55.

McDonald's seven-point advantage once stood at three, 58-55, with CUC having possession and a chance to tie the match with a triple. However, James Benavente's bounce pass to John Santos near the top key was intercepted by Richard Cruz, who then went all the way for a fastbreak layup, made the basket, and drew a foul on Santos. Cruz muffed the bonus char-

ity, but got the rebound, as CUC failed to box him out. With Cruz regaining possession, McDonald's got another crack at the basket and Gapor took charge, drawing a foul against Lieto on his way for a point-blanked shot. The McDonald's mobile big man made both charities to up their lead to seven.

Despite McDonald's four-point swing, CUC refused to wave the white flag, as back-to-back baskets from Frank Mizutani kept the team in the game. However, Achas countered with two free throws on the other end and after CUC's John San-

tos knocked in a pair, too, the former made two splits in McDonald's last two possessions to secure the victory.

McDonald's needed a steady hand from the foul line as CUC kept making comebacks since the start of the first quarter, which ended with the former ahead by 11, 20-9. Cruz starred in McDonald's first-quarter show, drilling four straight triples. McDonald's was on target from beyond the arc early in the game, as all but one of its field goals came from the 3-point area with Larry Achas and Gapor drilling the two other tri-

ples. Joseph Achas hit the lone two-pointer for McDonald's in the opening canto, while CUC was held to two field goals and four free throws.

CUC brought the lead down to single digit at the break, 22-30, as McDonald's shooters cooled down. CUC went on to move within two early in the third, 31-33, but McDonald's dropped a 12-1 bomb in the next five minutes to take a baker's dozen lead. CUC ended its field goal drought at the under one minute mark of the third period, but McDonald's kept the double-digit advantage, 45-34.

McDonald's tried to protect its safe distance in the fourth and was successful in the opening minutes of the final canto as Cruz reported back to the game and nailed back-to-back triples. However, CUC also began hitting its shots from downtown to slowly catch up with McDonald's and the latter was pressured to lean to its free throw shooting to foil the former's repeated comeback bids.

Cruz top-scored for McDonald's with his 21 points, 18 of them came from the three-point region, while Gapor added 13. Mizutani paced CUC with his

17 markers, while Santos contributed 15.

Meanwhile, Micronesian Brokers, Inc./Anchor and Joteten played in the first game last Monday and results will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Thursday edition.

McDonald's 66 — Cruz 21, Gapor 13, Mc. Achas 9, Corpuz 6, Mi. AChas 6, Ayuyu 4, L. Achas 2, J. Achas 2.

CUC 61 — Mizutani 17, Santos 15, Iramk 8, Madracheliub 7, Poquiz 3, Serrano 2, Lieto 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-9, 30-22, 45-34, 66-61.

2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League Opening

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Two female volunteers hold the joint JP World and Mobil banner during the opening ceremony of the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League late last month at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



McDonald's and CUC muses won the Best in Muse award presented by JP World, Corp. president Jimmy Pascual, right, and Mobil Oil Saipan Territory manager Thomas Hernandez, second left.



Shirley's Coffee Shop players pose for a photo.



Members of Saipan Ice & Water and their muse pose for a group photo.



JP World, Corp. president Jimmy Pascual does the first ceremonial toss in the league's opening game featuring MBI/Anchor and Public School System.



Docomo players and their muse participate in the parade of teams.



McDonald's players and their muse line up while waiting for the opening remarks in the event.



Mobil Oil Saipan Territory manager Thomas Hernandez does the second ceremonial toss between MBI Anchor's Andy Viola, right, and Public School System's Maverick Itibus.



Commonwealth Utilities Corp. players and their muse pose for a group photo.



Joeten's Rio Jacob, left, and Kevin De Leon enjoy a light moment after the parade of teams.

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Leina leads NCAA Division II

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Former CNMI junior golfer Leina Kim's impressive third season in the 2014 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference continues, as the Colorado State University Pueblo junior currently leads in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II.

Kim, based on the latest and official statistics rankings posted on golfstat.com, registered an average score of 71.25 in the four tournaments she played for CSU-Pueblo in the 2014-2015 RMAC fall season.

The Marianas Baptist Academy graduate so far has won three individual titles while finishing tied for third with fellow Lady ThunderWolf Julia Sanchez in her fourth competition of the season, the RMAC #2 Tournament. Her excellent

games also helped the Lady ThunderWolves finish in the Top 10 of the four tournaments, including a runner-up honors in the Samuel Proal Lady Wolf Pack Invitational and third in the RMAC #1 Tournament.

So far, Kim has fired 29 birdies and an eagle with still one tournament left—the final round of the West Texas A&M Lady Buff Invitational in Texas—in the RMAC's fall season.

With her outstanding rookie and sophomore seasons and her

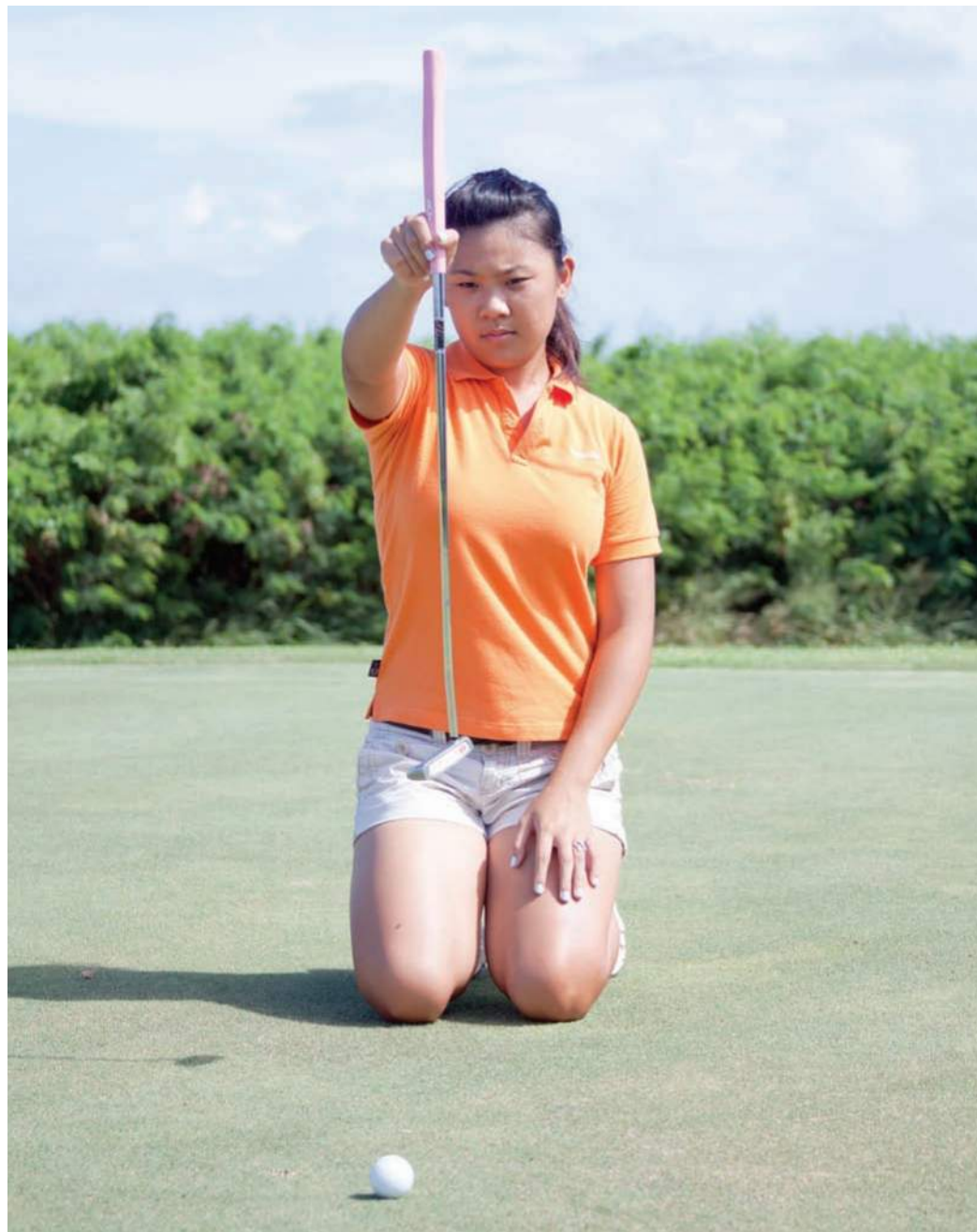


strong showing in the first four competitions this season, Kim is considered as one of CSU-Pueblo's most successful female par-busters in the school's history. She was named RMAC Golfer of the Year twice (last two seasons) and won the Rookie of the Year honors, too. Kim was also the first Lady ThunderWolf to

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TAGA SPORTS

Leina Kim, seen here gauging her shot during a photo shoot for TAGA Sports magazine, leads the statistics rankings in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II.



Bodybuilding, wrestling new NMSA members

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Bodybuilding and wrestling became the latest addition to Northern Marianas Sports Association family after the



for membership of both federations last week.

Commonwealth's national sporting group accepted the application

Commonwealth Bodybuilding Federation president John Davis and Northern Marianas Wrestling head Jason Tarkong both attended NMSA's monthly meeting last Thursday to present their credentials to the NMSA board. Davis and Tarkong were voted in separate elections of their respective groups.

Davis said that he and several other people got interested in reviving bodybuilding in the CNMI after they read a story in the newspaper encouraging concerned individuals/groups to step up to the plate.

"This is a younger and newer group interested to organize bodybuilding competitions again. I came here to seek membership to NMSA," said Davis.

He added that the group is slowly bringing bodybuilding back into the CNMI people's consciousness.

"We are slowly organizing back the sport. Our federation welcomes anyone who is in-

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JON PEREZ

Aaron Tomokane, seen here posing during a local bodybuilding tournament last month, is among the officials of new NMSA member Commonwealth Bodybuilding Federation.



McDonald's beats CUC to keep clean slate

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McDonald's showed poise from the stripe to squeak past Commonwealth Utilities Corp., 66-61, in the second game in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

McDonald's went 6-for-8 in the foul line in the final 1:36 of match to take the 5-point win and improve its record to 2-0. CUC dropped to a 1-1 card, failing to make a follow-up on its 67-63 debut victory against Docomo Pacific last week.

Mike Achas hit four of those six free throws, while Gil Gapor nailed the other two, as McDonald's was forced to secure the close win from the charity line

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

McDonald's Joe Ayuyu Jr. drives against Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s Andrew Masga, right, and Robert Lieto during the third quarter of their game in the JP World caging last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.